

Approve merger of two shuls

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
TORONTO —

On Aug. 1, Beth Am Congregation on Keele Street will officially merge with B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation of Yeomans Road.

Services to be conducted by a local rabbi will continue at the Keele Street location until the end of December. The contract of the present rabbi, Kenneth M. Tarlow, terminates July 31.

Rabbi Tarlow was on vacation and could not be reached for comment. An American, he has served the synagogue for four years.

The merger was ratified at general membership meetings held recently at both Conservative synagogues.

Assurance has been given that functions already planned at Beth Am will take place as scheduled. Religious classes, however, will commence next fall at B'nai Israel Beth David. "We want to do everything in an orderly way and be fair to everyone," insists Beth Am president, Irving Bornstein. "All commitments will be honored."

Bornstein also stresses that the actual reason for the merger is not financial — "not at this point."

He explains that the current Beth Am membership of 250 families is simply not enough to meet rising costs or to support a viable synagogue program.

There is a shift in Jewish population from the area, and while many members who move away continue with Beth Am, it is still an exodus situation rather than one of growth, and it was felt that there would be money problems in the future.

"We wanted," says Bornstein, "to negotiate from a position of strength and not wait too long."

Beth Am's building, and the house provided for the rabbi, are to be sold. It was in 1954 when Jewish families began moving into the Keele-Wilson neighborhood that Dr. Sam Birnbaum organized a group of eight to canvass homes in the area for the purpose of forming a religious congregation.

The first meeting of 100 families was held at Downsview Public School in October, and the West Wilson Community Centre was founded. Fund-raising began, and with hard work, chutzpah, and a sympathetic bank manager, there was soon enough to make a down payment on the old Nesher estate, a piece of property with a large house at the corner of Keele Street and Maryport Road.

The house was used for regular services, meetings and classes, but plans were made to begin construction of a synagogue. Until 1958, high holiday services were conducted in a huge tent which housed as many as 400. One windy day, the tent blew down, but it was swiftly erected again, and observances continued.

The new building was completed in time for Rosh Hashanah, 1958. Through the years, the numbers grew to a maximum of 350 families. It was a shleibel moved into somewhat alien territory, combining the intimacy of a comparatively small congregation with the sophistication of a well-equipped building.

Unfortunately, it could not continue, and with reluctance for the past, but hope for the future, Beth Am members have decided to cast their lot with the 800 families of B'nai Israel Beth David.

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'WHEN WE'RE SMILING...'

It's all smiles as Beni Katz (second from left) and his wife, Batya, accept \$25,000 in prize money in B'nai B'rith's annual lottery. Presenting cheque is Gary Pollack, chairman of BB Sweepstakes '77. Murray Zeidenberg, president of BB's Toronto Regional Council, looks on with satisfaction.

(David Graskind photo)

CIC charges federal agency funds anti-Zionist propaganda

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO — The Quebec arm of Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO) has been using federal money to transmit anti-Zionist propaganda, according to the Canada-Israel Committee.

CIC Executive Director Meyer Bick says the Quebec body, Service Universitaire Canadien Outre-Mer (SUCO), "is distributing Arab propaganda from Arab League offices," using government funds received from its principal benefactor, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), a crown agency. The CIC has brought its charges to federal officials.

SUCO received some \$3.3 million from Ottawa in the past year to operate its volunteer services in Third World francophone nations, with a portion of the funds directed to international development



Romeo Maione

education within Quebec. In 1976, the organization mounted a \$5,000 study to examine the conditions of Palestinians in Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, which led to a \$45,000 donation to the Ham-

chari hospital — a facility in southern Lebanon operated by the Palestinian Red Crescent. Money raised for the hospital was drawn one-third from fund-raising and two-thirds from CIDA project funds. Another \$30,000 is budgeted for the hospital in 1977-78.

Under local education projects in over 10 offices, SUCO — which employs a staff of 52 — printed three anti-Zionist reports and a number of pro-Palestinian articles in its monthly magazine, L'Escargot.

The organization adopted a resolution in 1975 reaffirming its recognition of the PLO and the creation of a secular Palestine.

Just this week, CIDA officials are reviewing their contract with SUCO in meetings in Ottawa. Romeo Maione, director of the non-governmental organizations division (NGO), said in a telephone interview from his Ottawa

office that he was aware of the allegations levelled against SUCO.

"The federal government does not fund political activities," he said, admitting that CIDA could not control, after the fact, a breach or abuse of grants and guidelines.

Non-governmental organizations are allowed the liberty of adopting political stances, he added, but any projects of a political nature can only be funded from monies raised by the body itself.

As an aside, the External Affairs Defence Committee, which met May 27 to review CUSO-SUCO activities, never raised the issue of SUCO's pro-Palestinian affinity, although it discussed the organization's alleged pro-separatist sentiment. The committee's chairman, MP Marcel Prud'homme, was unavailable for comment.

SUCO has also co-operated in distributing articles and pamphlets from the Associa-

tion Quebec Palestine and has co-sponsored several lectures, including a visit from Naim Khader of the Brussels Arab Information Centre, and a Sherbrooke address by the AQP's president.

The objective of the education program, says Bick, is to raise the conscience of Quebecers toward international causes and liberation movements common to their own experience.

(CIDA funds a network of non-governmental organizations devoted to Third World education, throughout Canada, which the CIC is monitoring for any political bias. The list includes the Development Education Centre in Toronto.)

In defending his organization's support of Palestinian rights, Yvon Madore, SUCO's secretary general, said the social and economic conditions facing Palestinian refugees have a political component, as well.

He argues that SUCO was not necessarily an ally of the Arab lobby, although it was interested in the humanitarian aspects of the Palestinians' plight, "a legitimate concern" for his organization.

In February, 1976, the Quebec group published a report, "Zionism and Apartheid," which argued that "Israel like South Africa, represents a bastion of imperialism and the strategy of the two countries envisions the same goals."

Quoting heavily from George Jabbour's *Colonialism in South Africa and the Middle East*, the report offers direct parallels between racism in the two countries, the treatment of Palestinians and Blacks and describes a military and economic collaboration.

A second pamphlet on Palestinians in the occupied territories, "Solidarité Internationale," was written by SUCO staffers in Hull and Sherbrooke and contains references to books distributed by the Arab Information Centre. A price of 50 cents was charged for the piece of literature, with proceeds directed to the Palestinian Red Crescent hospital, according to Madore.

GROSSINGER, NY [JTA] — In an historic shift in the tradition of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), the organization of the Reform rabbinate adopted a position paper suggesting that Jews have larger families "because there are simply not enough of us to be assured survival in succeeding generations."

The CCAR convention said that "while Reform Judaism approves birth control, we also recognize our obligation to maintain a viable and stable Jewish population. Therefore, couples are encouraged to have at least two or three children."

There is an increasing awareness of the possibility that in 100 years, "only a few Jews will remain: all of the others will have disappeared, victims of assimilation, mixed marriage, indifference, and a low birth rate."

Rabbi Jonathan M. Brown of Temple Israel in Long Beach, Calif., was the author of the paper. (See story, page 2.)

Granovsky gets top post in UIA body

TORONTO (Staff) —

The highest post ever attained by a Canadian in the international Jewish field has been conferred on Phil Granovsky, who has been elected chairman of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, the worldwide fund-raising body.

Election of Granovsky, the current president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, took place at a meeting of the Jewish Agency Assembly in Jerusalem attended by 600 delegates, including a dozen from Canada.

Next to the chairmanship of the Jewish Agency, the world chairmanship of Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal is recognized as the most prestigious post in the Diaspora. Until the election of Granovsky — which came after a bitter political battle — the world chairman had always been an American. (Ironically, the only country excluded from Keren Hayesod is the United States where fund-raising is under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal.)

"The position of world chairman has always been considered as a plum for long service to the World Zionist Organization in the United States," Granovsky said upon his return this week from Jerusalem. "In addition, it is a paying job, as it should be, with the proviso that the chairman must know Hebrew and move to Israel. What concerned me was that the chairman had no proper lay board to report to and was, in effect, the boss of the fund-raisers while being paid by the fund-raisers."

The Toronto UIA president discussed this matter with members of the Agency from the English-speaking countries and learned they felt the same way he did, that something should be done to correct the situation.

The opportunity to do something about it came unexpectedly through the death of Ezra Shapiro, the world chairman. Granovsky immediately called the chairman of the WZO, urging him not to choose a replacement until at least the representatives of the English-speaking countries could meet and discuss the matter during the Assembly. The delegates from these countries sent similar telegrams.

"We had a meeting shortly after arriving in Jerusalem," recounted Granovsky, "and without my knowledge, the others agreed that I would be presented as the proposed pro-tem world chairman of Keren Hayesod. We then met with the director of the World Federation of General Zionists, whose portfolio is the chairmanship of Keren Hayesod."

"This was my introduction to Israeli politics," commented the Toronto industrialist, smiling. "It appears as if the Zionist party, with the second largest number of votes at the Congress — and the voting at the Zionist Congress is very much tied in with the Israeli government — usually chooses this portfolio. Because it is the most prestigious position next to the chairmanship of the Jewish Agency, they would not buy this proposal."

After what Granovsky described as "most bitter fighting" at the WZO executive level, it was proposed that the Canadian be made chairman and Faye Shenk, the president of the General Zionists, the only non-political, non-Israeli group, be co-chairman. Other Zionist members of the executive demanded that Mrs. Shenk resign her presidency in order to take the co-chairmanship. "I was given to understand this was strictly a political power play."



Phil Granovsky

Remarked Granovsky: "Other proposals were made to me, coming from the WZO executive, and pressure was exerted on me by various heads of the WZO, but I stood firm and the upshot was a final vote which elected me chairman and Mrs. Shenk, a very fine person, as co-chairman."

Granovsky and Mrs. Shenk have agreed that they will each spend one week a month at separate times in Israel until the Zionist Congress takes place.

"I hope during that time to make many necessary changes, some of which I have already instituted in several meetings with the director general of Keren Hayesod," Granovsky said. "With the help of Mrs. Shenk, I hope to make a weak organization much stronger by February, when the Congress meets."

Granovsky has been an out-

No Mideast shift U.S. declares

WASHINGTON (JCN) —

State Department officials took urgent steps last week to explain that the statement made by the Carter administration that Israel must pull out of all the occupied territories to secure peace in the Middle East in no way represented a change in American policy.

There has been an angry reaction in Israel over this declaration.

The officials said that the statement had been made in response to some hard-line comments by Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his colleagues, which had appeared to rule out territorial concessions.

The officials said that a Middle East peace settlement would require "difficult compromises" from both sides and that the Arab states would have to agree to implement a peace that "produces confidence in its durability."

They added: "In our view, that means security arrangements on all fronts satisfactory to all parties to guarantee established borders. It also involves steps towards the normalization of relations with Israel."

A lasting peace settlement, the officials explained, must also deal with the Palestinian issues. "In this connection, the president has spoken of the need for a homeland for the Palestinians. The exact nature should be negotiated between the parties."

In return, Israel should withdraw from the occupied territories in accordance with the UN Security Council Resolution 242.

"We consider that this

resolution means withdrawal from all fronts in the Middle East dispute; that is Sinai, Golan, West Bank and Gaza, the exact borders and security arrangements being agreed in the negotiations."

Meanwhile, Israel's ambassador to the United States, Simcha Dinitz, assured the American government that Israel was ready to negotiate on all questions without preconditions.

He gave this assurance before flying to Israel to brief Begin for his impending visit here for talks with President Carter.

Senator Jacob Javits told the United States Senate that the administration was asking more from the Israelis than from the Arabs.

In Jerusalem, Israeli leaders are finding most disturbing the apparent one-sidedness of the American demands which, they claim, attempt to lay the burden for progress towards peace wholly on Israel, while ignoring headline Arab statements.

There is also concern at the failure of the Americans to respond forcefully to the growing chorus of militant statements emanating from several Arab capitals, particularly the reported statement of President Assad of Syria that they would rather fight 100 wars than make full peace with Israel, and that for a total withdrawal of Israel, he would be ready to acknowledge her existence.

The Israelis regard the Syrian phrase "total withdrawal" as meaning "surrender."

Israel urged to withdraw

LONDON, ENG. —

The nine countries of the European Common Market have urged Israel to withdraw from the occupied Arab territories and acquiesce to the establishment of a Palestinian homeland, as essential conditions for any Middle East settlement.

The Common Market position, issued at the regular mid-year summit meeting of the European council, was described by a French spokesman as "one of the most important common foreign policy statements yet issued by the nine."

Sources said that, in terms of timing and content, it was designed to coincide with a similar American declaration.

The key passage in the Common Market declaration states:

"The nine have affirmed their belief that a solution to the conflict in the Middle East will be possible only if the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to give effective expression to its national identity is translated into

fact, which would take into account the need for a homeland for the Palestinian people."

The statement said any Middle East settlement should be based "on the need for Israel to end the territorial occupation which it has maintained since the conflict of 1967."

At previous sessions in the past six months at prime ministers and foreign ministers levels, the EEC has refused to come out with its own Middle East policy statement, although it has been urged to do so by some of its members — notably France and Italy — and by the Arab states.

Until now, the EEC had concurred with the British view that a separate initiative would be neither necessary nor helpful as long as American diplomatic efforts were making satisfactory progress. Israeli officials refused to comment on the Common Market statement, but the document was unofficially described as "totally one-sided and unbalanced."

CARDIN LEAVING?

TEL AVIV (JCN) —

The French fashion house of Pierre Cardin, whose men's suits are made in Israel by Bagir, may, it is understood, sever its relations with Israel, apparently because of large orders from Arab countries.

Haim Polak, manager of Bagir, said that his company, whose plant is at Kiryat Gat, had been manufacturing Pierre Cardin suits since 1970, when the first contract between the French and Israeli firms was signed.

The contract was due to expire at the end of 1977 and when asked to extend it for an additional period, Cardin, he said, had replied that he was not interested.

Polak said he regretted that the matter had received publicity because he was still hopeful of using "quiet diplomacy" to achieve an extension of the production agreements.

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German PFLP active

BONN (JTA) — Increased activity in Germany by Palestinian extremist groups is noted in the 1976 internal security report of the West German Interior Ministry. The report also cites "increasing aggressiveness" by neo-Nazi groups, though the membership is estimated at only 600.

The document states that several cells of the extremist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) have been identified in Germany.

Both the PFLP and two other Palestinian groups, the El Fatah and the Maoist "PDFLP" active in Germany, distinguish between members involved in "conspiratorial activity" and those seeking public support for their goals, the report notes.

In 1976 the Palestinian extremist groups in Germany "made a determined effort to consolidate their organizational strength and win new members from among the approximately 8,500 Arabs of Palestinian origin who have applied for political asylum in the Federal Republic."

Statistical tables in the report show a sharp rise in the number of Palestinian groups represented in Germany. The number of organizations increased from 14 in 1974 to 21 in 1975 and 25 in 1976, while the number of "active branches" of all groups jumped from 57 (1973) to 83 (1974) and 95 (1976).

Another table shows increases in periodical publications circulated by such groups from seven publications in 1974 to 10 in 1975 and 13 in 1976, including three published in West Germany.

The report says German-language Palestinian periodicals call for the "destruction of the Zionist state," for the "violent establishment of a people's democracy" in Jordan and the fight against the "reactionary systems" of other Arab states "dependent on imperialism."

In the summer of 1976, the report states, German "affiliate organizations of the Palestinians called for donations of money and goods to aid fedayeen groups fighting in Lebanon and for the medical care of their fellow countrymen living there (in Lebanon)."

During this period about 50 to 80 Arabs of Palestinian origin left the Federal Republic to take part in the civil war in Lebanon, or to undergo training in the use of arms and explosives in Libya.



If proposed Likud-Agudat Israel legislation passes the Knesset, girls may exempt themselves from army service simply by presenting a notarized document to the government. It could cause resentment.

Army exemptions arouse ire

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

Likud and its coalition partners from the religious parties may inadvertently provoke a vehemently anti-religious "backlash" in Israel, judging from the consternation some of their recent pronouncements have aroused in the public.

Among the warning signs is the storm unleashed by Likud's promise to Agudat Yisrael that exemption from military service on the grounds of conscience or religious belief may in future be carried out by means of a simple declaration, and not, as is currently the case, by appearing before a special tribunal.

The reasons for this are not that young women are currently being drafted into the army against their convictions: the army's attitude is that conscription of girls who are really opposed to serving would in the end be counterproductive.

In fact it is presently so easy to persuade the tribunal of one's religious objections to army service that thousands of young women who are not in the least observant have successfully evaded both army service and the alternative national service on a border settlement, which is an option held open to religious girls who wish to serve, but not in the army.

Agudat Yisrael's demands do not stem from any quibble with the exemption procedures now in force. Their aim is to use the religious exemption clause to prevent women from being drafted into the army altogether, and to make it easier for non-religious women to do so by abolishing the requirement to appear before a tribunal to make one's case.

The ultra-Orthodox hold the view that women are expected to be in the custody of either their fathers or their husbands. A woman of marriageable age, mixing freely with men outside the framework of home and family, is highly improper in their eyes.

Those who take a less stringently jurisdictional view argue nevertheless that young women are subject to too many temptations in the army, and ought to be kept out of it for their own good. Among those taking this attitude are families from the Oriental countries who very often force their daughters to stay out of the army against their will.

The Commission on the Status of Women in Israel, set up by the last government, attempted to grapple with some of these objections when examining the position of women in the armed forces.

They observed that while women perform high-calibre tasks in the fields of communications, intelligence, electronic maintenance work, and medical care, there are still too many cases of girls

wasting their time doing work far beneath their capacity and serving a merely decorative function, because of ingrained sex-stereotyped attitudes among male officers.

Now the army, which has so far refused to comment on these developments, may find itself complying with a campaign to keep women out of the army at a time when they are crying out for additional manpower.

But other issues are at stake: voices have been raised accusing the Likud and its coalition partners of giving young people the worst possible lesson in citizenship by testifying that they are religious when they are not, in order to evade military service.

It is being pointed out that the new procedures will sharpen resentment among those who do serve, of those who spend those two years instead earning money, studying, or getting ahead in a career.

The newspaper Haaretz recently carried an article by a non-observant woman posing as a draftee who answered a notice in the press offering advice to women desirous of exemption from army service.

The "advisors" were unperturbed by the applicant's total lack of observance, claiming that serving in the army was more grievous a sin than violating Yom Kippur or eating leaven on Pesach. Until passage of the law abolishing the tribunals, they promised to supply witnesses of their own prepared to testify that their client was religiously observant.

Whether the new government will succeed in passing this and other controversial laws, anyway, is doubtful given their slim majority, the large numbers of secular members of Likud's rank-and-file, and the known opposition of Moshe Dayan to the religious establishment.

What is becoming increasingly probable, however, is that in the process of pressing for these measures, they may succeed in polarizing the population on state and religion issues, and bringing back with a vengeance the militant secularism which was overshadowed by the "religious revival" following the Six Day War.

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Technion creates chairs in honor of two Canadians

HAIFA —

In a ceremony at the opening of the recent board of governors meeting of the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology — two chairs were inaugurated, both in honor of Canadians: The Stephen E. Berger Chair of Aeronautical Engineering and the Matas-Winnipeg Chair of Bio-Medical Engineering honoring Mr. Justice Roy J. Matas.

Since his arrival in Toronto, the Hungarian-born Berger has devoted all his after-business hours to communal affairs. A listing of the many communal offices he holds resembles a directory of Jewish or-

ganizations in the city. His Technion affiliations include being an honorary life member of the board of governors of the Technion, and he actively participates in the work of Canadian Technion Societies in his capacity as senior national vice-president.

The Winnipeg chapter of the Canadian Technion Society, in establishing the Matas-Winnipeg Chair in Bio-Medical Engineering, honors Mr. Justice Roy Matas in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of the Canadian Technion Society and for the success of the

Winnipeg Chapter. He has for many years served Israel, and his Canadian and Winnipeg communities with enthusiasm and integrity.

A member of the Technion international board of governors, Justice Matas of the Court of Appeal is proud of the fact that with the establishment of this chair, Technion history has been made, for this is the first time that an academic chair bears the name of a Jewish community in the Diaspora. The Matas-Winnipeg Chair in Bio-Medical Engineering will provide a permanent fund for visiting personnel and scientists.



Toronto philanthropist Stephen Berger accepts scroll citing establishment of chair of aeronautical engineering, in his honor, at Technion Institute, Haifa.

Reform Jews announce...

Zionist group formed

GROSSINGER, NY (JCN)

Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld of Cleveland, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis of the Reform Movement in Judaism, has announced at CCAR's 88th annual conference here the formation of a mass Zionist organization within the movement, which will seek affiliation within the World Zionist Organization.

The formation of "the Association of Reform Zionists of America" follows a similar move by members of the Rabbinical Assembly, the international association of Conservative rabbis, who are establishing "Tikun Zion" as another mass movement which will seek similar affiliation.

At present, religious Judaism within the World Zionist Organization is represented only by the Orthodox sector through Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi, united in the U.S., as the Religious Zionists of America and similarly in other countries.

In announcing the move, which was to be approved by the convention later, Rabbi Lelyveld declared that "it not only has great historical significance, it is also of major importance to the growth and nourishment of our movement in Israel and its institutions — Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion, Kibbutz Yabeh, our Israeli

congregations and colleagues, and the World Union for Progressive Judaism." He also said that Reform Judaism would seek to "forge closer relations with the Conservative movement" and "other non-establishment forms of religious Judaism in Israel."

"Our goal in relation to our movement in Israel is

not parochial," Rabbi Lelyveld went on. "What we seek in Israel is the kind of full religious freedom for all its citizens that we enjoy in the U.S. That will be achieved only when religion is separated from the state."

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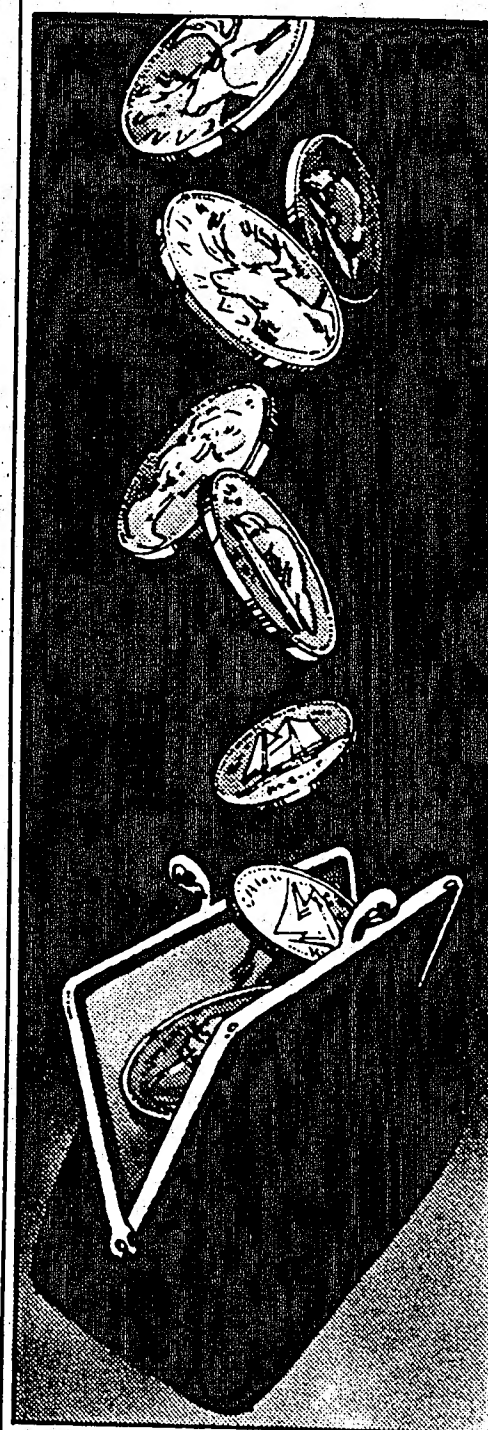
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York University signs agreement with Hebrew U

TORONTO —

President H. Ian Macdonald and Dean Sydney Eisen of York University returned recently from Israel where they signed a formal agreement with the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

The agreement provides for continuation of the year abroad program, funded programs for Jewish studies, and exchanges of students and faculty between the two universities.

The signing of the agreement took place last month in the office of President Abraham Harman of the Hebrew University. Both university presidents stressed the importance of continuing the close relationship between the two institutions, expressed hopes for further student exchanges, and a bringing together of scholars.

Areas where the two universities could relate, including graduate and undergraduate studies, professional schools and the liberal arts, were discussed.

Present at the signing

ceremony were four York students who are traveling through Israel. They are David Gottfried, Michelle Goodman, Shelly Bernaman and Mindy Buchbinder.

President Harman presented both Macdonald and Eisen with medallions commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Hebrew University. Macdonald presented Harman with York University cufflinks.

Each institution has established a committee for the purpose of maintaining and developing the relationship between the two universities. The chairman of the York committee is Prof. Michael Brown.

Also attending the event were Hebrew University faculty members including Prof. Mordecai Abir, provost of the school for overseas students, Prof. Shemaryahu Talmon, dean of the faculty of humanities, and Prof. Haim Beinart, of the Institute of Jewish Studies.

The proposal for an exchange between the two universities dates back several years. In the light

of the relations that have developed between the two institutions, it was decided to enter into a formal agreement, providing a framework of their mutual relations. This year a handful of York University students are studying at the Hebrew University, including Donna Margel and Joy Wasserman.

In Israel, Macdonald and Eisen met several former Torontonians. They were entertained at the home of Dr. Avraham Avihai of the Hebrew University.

Present were Pnina Herzog, wife of the late Yaakov Herzog, former Israeli ambassador to Canada; Dr. (and Mrs.) Abba Geffen, former consul general in Toronto; Professor Jack Petroff, formerly of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rosenthal, who were both faculty members at York, and Dr. Michael Brecher and his wife.

Dr. Brecher is cross-appointed to McGill University and the Hebrew University and is a leading expert on international relations.



Max and Anna Tanenbaum get award from British industrialist Sir Marcus Sieff, (left). Tanenbaums endowed professorial chair at Weizmann Institute, Rehovot.

Tanenbaums get award

TORONTO —

A special presentation to Max and Anna Tanenbaum in recognition of their endowing a permanent professorial chair at the Weizmann Institute of Science highlighted the Weizmann governors' reception held recently at the home of Elaine and James Kay, who is president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute.

More than 300 friends and supporters of the Institute saw and heard Sir Marcus Sieff, chairman of its international board of directors, congratulate the Tanenbaums for their contribution to the Canada Center for Nuclear Physics, an eventual six million dollar project to further studies in nuclear energy.

The Canada Center's first phase was recently completed with the open-

ing of the Koffler Accelerator.

Sieff was joined in the presentation by Kay and Murray B. Koffler, chairman of the board of the Canadian Society. Earlier in the evening, the three Weizmann leaders took part in ceremonies honoring 41 governors of the Society.

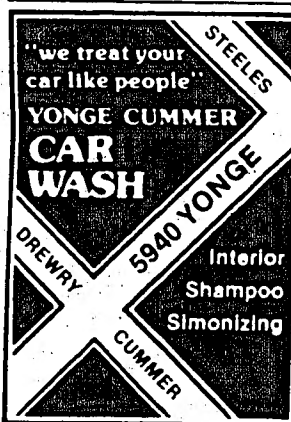
In his remarks, Sir Marcus recalled historic events leading to the establishment of the Weizmann Institute, founded by Sieff's father in 1934. Since then, the Rehovot campus has attracted the world's outstanding scientists and has established a standard of scientific excellence which has propelled it amongst the world's foremost research institutes.

In brief remarks, Kay referred to the importance of the Institute's work to Israel's development and growth, and noted that Israel's leaders rate the Weizmann Institute "Israel's best calling card throughout the world."

Advanced research in cancer detection and therapy, energy, plant genetics, addictive drug substitutes, earthquake prediction, water desalination and other problems affecting Israel and mankind, are moving ahead at Rehovot, and funds must be provided for their continuation.

Chairman of the reception and its master of ceremonies was William Singer, who headed the committee of volunteer canvassers. Under his direction, significant sums were raised prior to the reception, mainly for the scholarship fund.

Dollars and Israel Bonds donated to the fund make possible the continued studies of the 500 doctoral and master degree students studying and engaging in research.



at Rehovot.

Other program participants were Harold Tanenbaum, who expressed appreciation to Sieff on behalf of those assembled; Elaine Kay, who described the close ties binding

together the Weizmann family — supporters around the world who are dedicated to the work of the Institute — and Marvin Gelber, immediate past-president of the Art Gallery of Ontario.

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Canadian Jewry achievements termed 'brilliant' by Irwin Gold

TORONTO —

Canada's Jewish population, which numbers a mere 300,000, has had a telling effect on the social and political fabric of this country.

Jews have been in the forefront in the struggle for civil rights for all minorities and for the elimination of all forms of discrimination in housing and public accommodation. They have fought for equal employment opportunities, religious freedom, and encouraged inter-religious dialogue.

These achievements were cited in an address to the annual meeting of the Centre for Creative Living by Irwin Gold, Toronto Jewish Congress executive director, who said that the Jewish communal record "is a brilliant one and, at times, its results are nearly miraculous."

"I don't believe the results of communal undertakings are accidental or coincidental, but certainly they are something of a habit for Jews," he said.

He elaborated on the major challenges the Jewish community has faced during the last few decades and which, in reaction, have resulted in the establishment of the "most successful voluntary effort in all human history."

First of these was the rescue and rehabilitation of survivors of the Holocaust and helping to restore, after two millennia, a sovereign homeland to receive them.

"Consistently we have established political, social and economic machinery to enable the escape and resettlement of countless thousands of immigrants and survivors of tragic pogroms and horrors," the TJC executive director stated. "The record of Canadian Jewry in this regard is outstanding, from the turn of the century through World War I and World War II, to the exodus of North African Jewry, and the trainloads of Jews leaving the Soviet Union."

"We are one of the few cities on the continent that can still claim a near majority of foreign-born Jewish residents because of our fantastic resettlement program which has successfully integrated wave after wave of Jewish immigrants," he added.

Another area of accomplishment and community challenge referred to was what he termed the impressive network of communal agencies. "Perhaps most significant, certainly to me, is the manner in which our agencies have reaffirmed their distinct Jewishness and stressed those activities which are sectarian in purpose. We have led the way in our expression of the validity of cultural pluralism in action."

All of which, Gold said, leads to another challenge — one of the most definite and, at times, frustrating — Jewish commitment and continuity.

"Hitler defined a Jew as anyone with a Jewish

grandparent," he commented. "We would like to transform that definition to read — a Jew is anyone who will have Jewish grandchildren."

"There are those who say we have not measured up to the task — that there is too much intermarriage, that much of Jewish education is too superficial, that informal Jewish education too frequently misses the mark of Jewish identification and that Jewish cultural activities are inadequately funded by our institutions."

All of these criticisms are partially true, he conceded, but to counter the criticism, Gold cited the remarkable growth and vitality in the Jewish day school movement in Canada.

"In Toronto this year there are over 5,000 students in the day schools and approximately the same number in the evening supplementary schools. The quality of the education in those schools is, by every known stan-

dard, first-rate.

"The temples and synagogues, as in no other community I know of, have developed excellent cultural and adult educational programs. Add to this the many other activities under the auspices of a variety of organizations and you begin to see the extent of the informal educational programs currently offered. Now with the additional 'Y' facility, many new programs will doubtless be added."

Finally, Gold focused on the communal structure that took 10 years of negotiations to put together — Toronto Jewish Congress. "We seek to blend, conceptually and structurally, an agency which deals with the concerns of Jewish organizational life and is politically issue-oriented with one that has been essentially a communal-wide apparatus for fund-raising, social planning and budgeting in educational and welfare services."



York U President Ian Macdonald (second from right), signs agreement with Hebrew U. From left: Prof. Haim Beinart, HU; Dean Sidney Eisen, York; HU President Abraham Harman and HU Vice-President Michael Schlesinger. Watching are York students M. Goodman, David Gotfrid, M. Buchbinder, S. Berneman.

Rabbi's son receives an MD from Albert Einstein College

WINDSOR —

Yakov Ronald Stollman, a Windsor resident, received his MD degree at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine's 20th commencement ceremonies held recently in New York.

He was among 175 students awarded medical

degrees and 15 awarded PhD degrees in Health Sciences from the College's Sue Golding Graduate Division.

A graduate of Yeshiva University in New York, Dr. Stollman will serve his internship and residency in Internal Medicine (Pri-

mary Health Care) at Brookdale Hospital and Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York.

He is the son of Rabbi and Mrs. Samuel S. Stollman of 1365 Victoria Avenue. Rabbi Stollman is the leader of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.



UJA National Executive Vice-President Leo Marcus (left) with Joyce and Edward Glazier, chairmen of men's and women's divisions, UJA of Oshawa.

UJA campaigners optimistic

OSHAWA —

Dr. Edward Glazier, chairman of the 1977 UJA campaign in Oshawa, has given an optimistic prognosis for this year's campaign following a well-attended community meeting at the Beth Zion Synagogue.

UJA national executive vice-president, Leo H. Marcus, outlined the current political situation in Israel and spoke of the

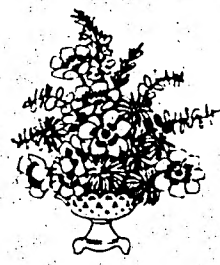
need for solidarity amongst world Jewry in support of Israel.

The women's division, chaired by Joyce Glazier and Penny Sklar, has almost completed its canvass with very positive results.

During the very spirited question and answer period following Marcus' address, the important role of the women's division was brought out very

clearly, as well as the need for every member of the Jewish community to combat anti-Israel feeling wherever they come across it.

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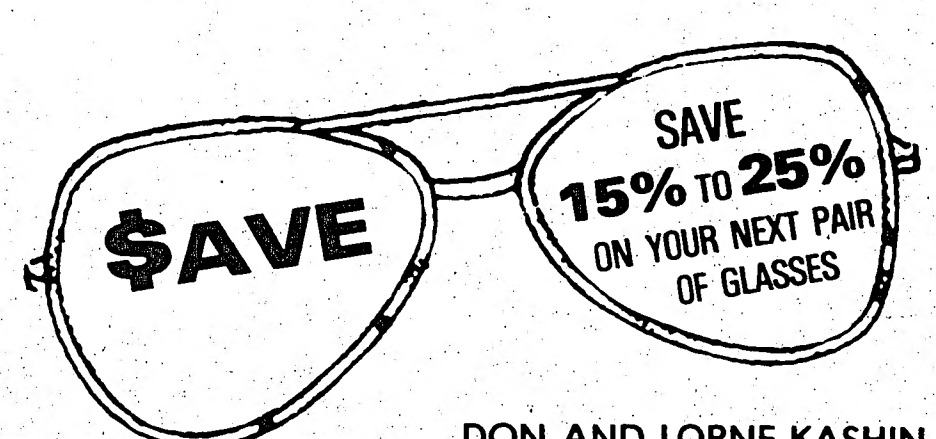
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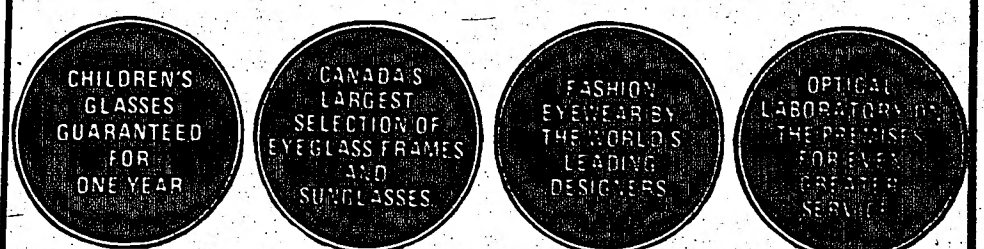
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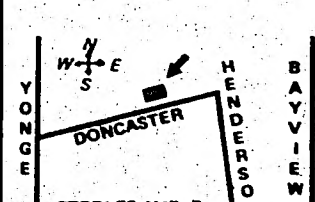
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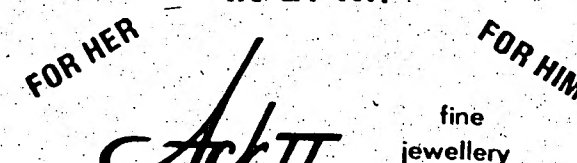
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Combating the boycott

The insidious Arab boycott, which gained momentum as a result of the quinquennial of oil prices after the Yom Kippur War, is finally being combated by some of the major Western industrial powers.

The French National Assembly recently adopted an anti-boycott bill with criminal and civil sanctions, and this may yet impel other countries belonging to the European Economic Community to press for similar legislation. Indeed, the EEC's Parliament has already affirmed its opposition to any boycott aimed at firms having commercial contacts with Israel.

The European Community also signed an economic agreement with Egypt, Syria and Jordan containing an anti-boycott clause and, surprisingly enough, the Arabs accepted it with a minimum of complaints.

Since France is known for its pro-Arab foreign policy, its decision to oppose the Arab states on a question so fundamental as the boycott should be applauded, and upheld as a model for other European lands to emulate.

In a related though unco-ordinated development, the United States unveiled anti-boycott legislation of its own. In signing it, President Carter declared that boycotts go "to the very heart of free trade between all nations."

The American legislation is interesting as a case study, as it was the product of an unprecedented agreement between organizations representing American Jewry and

the chief executives of many U.S. firms with substantial interests in the Middle East. On the minds of big business was not morality but hard, unsentimental economics. The value of U.S.-Arab trade has jumped from \$1 billion in 1971 to \$6.9 billion in 1976.

Thus, the business leaders sought legislation that would mollify the sensibilities of Jews and not jeopardize trade.

What emerged was a compromise bill. For example: subsidiaries of an American enterprise in an Arab country can conform to local laws barring imports from companies on the boycott list as long as the import goods are for its own use and not to sell in the Arab country. However, secondary and tertiary boycotts — in effect an Arab intrusion into domestic U.S. affairs — are banned.

It appears that Canada will not follow the lead of France or the United States. Ottawa being content with last year's tame anti-boycott guidelines announced by External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson. As we have pointed out on several occasions, the guidelines are not strong enough because the sanctions that could make them work effectively are missing. Large companies can circumvent them very easily.

If nations like France and the United States — which have far more at stake in the Middle East than Canada — can take a stand on the boycott, why cannot Ottawa as well?

We await an answer.

Christian Yellow Pages

Christian Yellow Pages and Christian Business Directories have appeared in some 19 American cities to date. Patterned after the telephone company's Yellow Pages, these business aides accept advertising only from Christians who state they are "born again" believers — a form of identification that excludes Jews, Catholics, Moslems and others.

The Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith is currently investigating, as a basis for taking legal action, whether or not these directories fall within the range of anti-discrimination laws.

According to a report by Irwin Suall of ADL, these directories "highlight a relatively new and growing manifestation of religious discrimination — advertising and selling based on the religious affiliation of businessmen — which is reminiscent of the 'Buy Christian' campaign initiated by Father Charles Coughlin in the 1930s."

Elaborating, Mr. Suall writes:

Lack of self-confidence

Why does Canadian Jewry have to go beyond the borders of this country to select its professional personnel in synagogues, community agencies and political organizations?

In recent years local and national Canadian groups have seen fit to hire some of their top executives from Britain and the United States.

This is a rather unfortunate commentary on the calibre of people available for such posts in this country. It does not reflect on the undoubted excellence of the Americans and Britains engaged to work on behalf of the Jewish community here.

The availability of so many good Jewish professionals south of the border has induced in certain circles a lethargy in regard to developing cadres of leadership material among Canadian Jews.

The numerical weakness of Canadian Jewry is, according to some, a factor in the failure of the community to generate top executive and professional personnel.

But the population theory does not really provide conclusive explanations. British

Jewry, with a Jewish population just slightly larger than Canada's, has supplied this country with competent community leaders.

One gets the impression that the well known Canadian inferiority complex functions also among the decision makers in Canadian Jewry. Their continual recourse to non-Canadian fund-raisers and executive directors indicates a clear lack of confidence in the capacities of Canadian Jews.

This kind of thinking appears deeply ingrained and may be based on a true perception of reality. A country which does not have a first-rate rabbinical school, along the lines of Yeshiva University or the Jewish Theological Seminary, can hardly be expected to provide the community leaders that will bring a Canadian imprint to our synagogues and other structures.

It is no mindless chauvinism which directs us to examine the national origins of our community workers; it is rather a deep concern for the timidity and lack of self-confidence in a community which cannot even perpetuate itself without outside help.

Sabbath and holidays for pursuit of sport and games.

An overwhelming majority of residents living near the proposed site are against having a sports stadium in their midst. They say the municipality has curtailed essential health, education and welfare services because of a lack of funds, but is prepared to incur the huge expenditures involved in building a sports stadium.

There is said to be a need of neighborhood recreational facilities and playgrounds to serve Jerusalem's population, but little has been done in this regard, according to Mayor Kollek's critics. They accuse the civic administration of riding roughshod over the wishes and rights of those who oppose the project.

From this distance, it looks as though Mayor Kollek and his municipal colleagues may have to beat a more or less strategic retreat. When the issues in a controversy involve religion and civil rights, not even the redoubtable Teddy Kollek can be sure of winning the day. That sports stadium may never get past the blueprint stage.

Khazar theory ironically racist

By BEN KAYFETZ

Arthur Koestler has been known for almost 40 years as the characteristic alienated intellectual of our generation. As a young man he lived in a kibbutz (which he disliked intensely), joined the right-wing Zionists Revisionists, was a successful popular science journalist in Weimar Germany, joined the Communist Party, was imprisoned and beaten by the fascists in Spain and wrote *Darkness at Noon*, the classical appraisal and analysis of why lifelong Communists confess that they have betrayed the revolution and demand their own execution. He has dabbled in the Eastern religions and studied the malaise of modern man.

Now in *The Thirteenth Tribe* (published by Hutchinson), he has for the third time turned his attention to his own people, the Jews, and concentrated upon an obscure corner of their history, the fascinating semi-legend of the Khazar kingdom of Southeastern Russia.

Though he always assembles an imposing array of information, Koestler does not show an intimacy and immediacy when he deals with Jewish subjects. He was raised in an assimilated background (like Herzl he was born in Budapest and moved to Vienna as an adolescent). It is significant that when he joined a Jewish student fraternity in

Vienna it was a fraternity that like the Austrian and German nationalist Burschenschaften, featured fencing and duelling scars.

This assimilative tendency clearly shows in his writing about Jews. He does not give the impression of being an insider where Jewish matters are concerned. When the state of Israel was proclaimed in 1948, he welcomed it as it would polarize the Jewish condition. Those who wished to remain Jews could go to Israel and live their life there as Jews and those who wanted to shake off the yoke could remain in the Diaspora and assimilate freely.

Koestler has examined the sources and done considerable research on the Khazar story. Why he is so intent to establish the theory as historical is not clear.

He repudiates any wish to undermine the Jewish claim to Israel yet in the final paragraph of his book does that very thing by saying that Abraham Poliak of Tel Aviv University, who has written about the Khazars and their relation to Jewry, has "undermined the legend of the Chosen Race". What "Chosen Race", one wonders is Koestler talking about? The phrase does not occur in any Jewish liturgy or traditional writings.

The irony in this — as others have pointed out — is that in saying this Koestler, the supreme anti-fascist, reveals himself as

proceeding on racist principles. The Jews never rested their claim to Palestine on their direct biological lineage to the patriarchs and Moses. Anyone and all who accept the Torah were considered an integral part of the legacy of Abraham. The promise was given to the spiritual descendants, not merely the biological progeny of the Jewish wanderers.

Nowhere in his book does Koestler mention the rather relevant hypothesis that it was the nobility and upper class of the Khazars that are reported to have accepted Judaism. This would make a substantial difference in what happened. His writing presupposes that the mass of the Khazars were converted and it was this mass which moved westward to Poland and Russia. Indications are that it need not have been the masses but a narrow stratum of the king's court and nobility.

Koestler's theory is weakest when he comes to explain away the existence and origin of Yiddish. He is at pains to demonstrate that the Jews of Eastern Europe did not move eastward from Germany but came westward from the Khazar territory in the Volga-Caspian Sea area. How then does he account for the deep-rooted vernacular of the East European Jews — the Yiddish speech which is clearly of Germanic not Turkish-Khazar origin?



Author Ben Kayfetz

Here he tried to develop a theory that when the Khazar Jews came to Poland and Lithuania they adopted the speech of the German merchants who occupied and were often the majority in the towns of Poland. This is in direct contradiction to the well-researched studies of Yiddish philologist-historian Max Weinreich, Nathan Susskind and others who have established the direct link between the German-Jewish speech of medieval Lothar (i.e. the middle Rhine area) and the Yiddish of today.

Moreover, Koestler makes no mention of the small but significant Romance vocabulary, i.e. the medieval French component in Yiddish which traces a direct historic and cultural link between the early French-German Ashkenazim and the Jewish community in Poland. He is content to demonstrate that numerically the Jews of Rhineland were so decimated by the Crusades that there weren't enough remaining to emigrate eastward (though actually the eastward migration did not get started till several centuries later at the time of the Black Death).

Nor does he deal with the total absence of any folk-memory or tradition among Polish and Russian Jews that they stemmed from the Khazars. Such a memory would not have been suppressed — it was no stigma to stem from gerim (converts). It was part of the proud lineage of many great scholars. There is even a Jewish family named Gaer which reveals such an origin. Nor is there any linguistic evidence of a mass Khazar influx except for the one word of Turkish origin — varmulka — which Koestler does not mention.

This is not to say that the Khazar theory is to be totally dismissed. There is no doubt that there was a Khazar kingdom whose rulers adopted Judaism. It is quite possible that this ruling class, moving westward, mixed with and was absorbed by the Ashkenazim of Poland and Lithuania. This process is a common one in Jewish history. But, that there was a mass migration of Khazars, which accounts for the totality of the Jewish population in Eastern Europe, is still far from being proven.

Koestler has a disconcerting habit of referring to "real Jews" and Khazar Jews without distinguishing at what point the line between the two vanished. All in all, an interesting piece of speculation but also another example of Koestler's ambivalence and inadequacy in dealing with Jewish subjects.

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Erlich turns kibbutzim against Likud

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT — Likud Finance Minister Simha Erlich is apparently out to get the kibbutzim.

In an interview given shortly before taking office in the new government, Erlich accused Israel's collective settlements of dodging taxes and declared that new tax laws would be enacted to make the kibbutzniks pay up.

Moreover, as a true disciple of conservative University of Chicago economist Milton Friedman, who will soon be serving as his advisor, Erlich has pledged to bring free market economics to Israeli agriculture. There will be no more subsidized water, no more low-interest loans, and no more production quotas on farm produce (to

maintain stable prices).

Erlich is also openly antagonistic to kibbutz industries, whose rapid growth he attributes to the fact that successive Labor governments — in which kibbutz members were always influential — supplied these enterprises with cheap investment capital. The finance minister says this allowed the kibbutzim to undersell private companies, and he is determined to eliminate all traces of such "favoritism".

Erlich's blasts have galvanized the kibbutzim into a strongly anti-Likud stand. In the Histadrut elections which followed Israel's national poll by five weeks, the collective settlements played an extremely active role in the Labor Party campaign. Up and down the country, every kibbutz

tractor, combine and truck carried anti-Likud slogans. And where kibbutz fields bordered on a main road, they were studded with billboards urging union members to prevent the Likud from taking over the Histadrut as it had already taken over the government.

The kibbutzim have also embarked upon a public relations campaign in an attempt to prevent Erlich from implementing his anti-kibbutz policies. They point out that collective settlements, with only three percent of the country's population, are responsible for over 50% of Israel's wheat, cotton and avocados, plus large percentages of her citrus, milk, eggs, fresh fruit and other farm products.

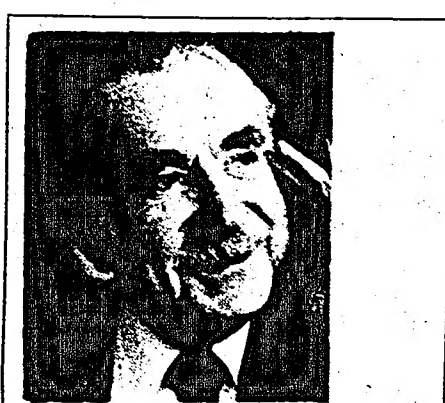
Their record in industry is similarly impressive. The 291 kibbutz factories not only provide Israelis with a significant percentage of their wood, plastic and electronic products, but also sell overseas. Last year they exported \$77-million worth of goods, about 20% of their total output (as compared to 15% for non-kibbutz factories).

Kibbutz spokesmen take issue with Erlich on the question of a Milton Friedman-style free-market economy. Avraham Brom, chairman of the Federation of Kibbutzim, says that wildly fluctuating prices would be disastrous for farmers. "Agriculture," he declares, "can't be run like a stock exchange. In order to build up a herd of 400 milking cows, you must invest five years of effort and millions of pounds. If there is no planning and no production quotas (to ensure that there will be a market for the milk at the end of the five years), farmers will abandon the whole project."

Kibbutzniks are comforted by the thought that once Erlich is in office for a while he will be forced to modify his views of kibbutzim. For whether he likes it or not, the kibbutzim constitute a key factor in the Israeli economy and, no less important, they maintain the territorial presence in outlying areas at a time when most Israelis are crowded into a half-dozen urban enclaves.

Simha Erlich notwithstanding, they are here to stay.

Political realities could moderate Begin



By J. B. SALSBERG
(Second of two columns)

As I said last week, the Likud victory in the May 17 election was neither an "earthquake" nor a "revolution", as some have claimed. On the other hand that election was more than a mere change of government, as we are accustomed to in Canada. It was a political party replacing another but the replacement of one party with a clear-cut socio-political outlook with another party that has a diametrically opposed philosophy.

Here are a few illustrations: — After the victorious Six Day War, the late David Ben-Gurion declared that he would be ready to return all but some minor portions of the newly occupied territories (excluding Jerusalem, of course), for a genuine and lasting peace. He retained that view, with some additional minor amendments, to the end of his days. (I know that since I spoke with Ben-Gurion on his kibbutz a year or so before his passing.)

In essence, that broad approach was generally shared by the majority of the Labor Party leadership.

In its search for peace the Labor governments of Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin opposed the unauthorized establishment of Jewish settlements in certain areas of the West Bank territory, where such actions would lead to clashes with the local Arab population and play into the hands of the PLO.

— Since long before the birth of Israel, the Labor-Zionist forces, the decisive pioneers and builders of the Yishuv and of the state later on, placed their emphasis on the kibbutz and the moshav, on co-operatives, on state and institutional-owned production enterprises, as well as on privately owned enterprises and on businesses owned jointly by state, institutions and private capital. In other words, a state with a mixed economy which, despite many shortcomings, became an object of study and of emulation by many of the developing countries.

But on the morning after the Knesset election and still under the victory euphoria, Menachem Begin made a dramatic appearance at one of the unauthorized West Bank settlements, greeted the youthful (and undoubtedly ideal-

istic) settlers and proclaimed his intention to establish many more such settlements in that area.

Carried away by the same victory euphoria, some of Mr. Begin's chief lieutenants boastfully announced within days of the election that the government they will form will sell government-owned enterprises to private interests and that they will see to it that the Histadrut does the same. (Aside from the arrogance of such a declaration it should be noted that even in private enterprise Canada — including almost every province — the trend is towards ever-greater government and public-institution involvement in the ownership and operation of transportation, mining, utilities, communication, banks, natural resources and factories producing steel, ships, planes, etc.)

The point I wish to make is that neither the election results, nor the relationship of forces in world Jewry, nor the state of international affairs justifies the present coalition government, headed by Mr. Menachem Begin, to implement any policy that may have a serious effect on Israel's internal or external condition, unless such a policy reflects a consensus of the Israeli population. They just didn't give any other mandate to the Knesset. To ignore this fact is to invite severe internal division.

The outcome of the May 17 election wasn't so much a victory for Likud (headed by Mr. Begin), though it was of considerable proportion and democratically achieved, as it was a loss for Maarach (headed by Peres and Rabin). The defectors from Maarach went mainly to Yigael Yadin's newly formed party.

In my view, a large portion of Labor's traditional supporters utilized the election to punish that party for its many sins of commission and numerous sins of omission. The results of the Likud election, held one month after the national election, in which every political party or block appeared with its own full slate, seem to support my analysis. The Labor party retained its majority position in the Histadrut.

What does it all add up to? It all adds up to the inescapable conclusion that the election outcome did not authorize any one party or any narrow coalition to inaugurate any fundamental changes in Israel's internal life, social, economic or religious. Nor did the Israeli electors authorize a radical change in Israel's peace policies. It must be our hope that the grim political realities will temper the new government's plans and policies.

As far as we are all concerned, it remains our prime duty and responsibility to rally around Israel and its government in this crucial hour, to do everything that will be necessary to safeguard the security, the peace and the welfare of Israel.

Allied victory ended Holocaust but anti-Semitism still thrived; pogroms flared after WW II



By ROCHELLE CARR

It was July 4, 1946. While American Jews were celebrating their country's birthday, across the ocean, the Jews of Kielce, Poland, were literally fighting for their lives — once again.

Despite the atrocities perpetrated not only on Polish Jews but, indeed, on all of Poland's citizens, by the Nazi war machine, the lessons of humankind's inhumanity to fellow humans had done little to create better social relations, at least in countries like Poland.

On that summer day, a nine-year-old Polish boy fabricated a story he told to police officers around the medieval superstition of ritual murder. He claimed that he had been held captive in a home used by Jews (who were actually helping their co-religionists leave Poland), and while there, he witnessed how they murdered young Christian children.

It was as if, at that moment in history, time marched backward. Not even all the horrors of the Holocaust could undo the past centuries of hatred and superstition.

A petty official led a small group to the home where the Jews were. The crowd grew. Soon it became a mob infused with the baseless and senseless anti-Semitism that had filled history books. As well, whether by a premeditated act or as a consequence of word of mouth of the happenings at the home housing the Jews, other Polish Jews in the area were attacked.

By nightfall over 40 Jews, who had survived all the atrocities and miseries of World War II, were killed. Pogroms did not cease with the end of the Nazi nightmare. Indeed there are many stories of anti-Semitism of those incarcerated, along with the Jews, in concentration camps during the war. After the war, one of the earliest anti-Semitic riots occurred in Cracow, where, a year before the killings in Kielce, a Jewish school was burned to the ground.

As time wore on, more pogroms were reported in Hungary, Rumania and Czechoslovakia. Even in the sections of Germany and Austria held by the western powers, there were reports of killing and robbing of Jews.

The process of depletion of the numbers of Jews throughout many countries in Europe continued in the post-war period as a result of the surfacing of anti-Semitism, once again, in guises other than Nazism. Consequently, many who had survived the war joined their brethren fleeing Arab countries and emigrated to Israel.

In the meantime, for those Jews of Kielce and elsewhere, who struggled back from hiding places or from the abyss of concentration camps or from fighting in the forests as partisans, to return to what they considered their homes, they were to learn that the Holocaust killed Jews, but did not kill anti-Semitism.

Taking, interpreting the public's pulse is big business for sociologist Goldfarb

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO — When Martin Goldfarb first began his career as a consultant in behavior sciences 10 years ago, he and his wife Joan, jostling two infant daughters, set up shop from their kitchen table.

Now the 39-year-old sociologist drives a Rolls Royce, lives in an elegant home on Misty Roscoe and heads a firm of 50. His angle on a hot market is research for provincial and federal governments, newspaper chains, broadcast firms and a lucrative list of corporations.

From his cramped offices at the corner of Bathurst and Lawrence, he and his associates — political scientists, psychologists, economists and computer specialists — take the public's pulse, from voter preferences to liquor tastes.

His activities are diverse. In communications, he handles newspaper chains — Booth in the U.S. and Southam in Canada — The Toronto Star and CHUM Radio, advising on editorial direction and polling.

His political clients include the federal Liberal party, Ontario's Ministry of Education and the B.C. government. And his corporate clients are equally impressive: Ford, Hiram Walker, General Electric, Quaker Oats and Macmillan Bloedel, to name a few.

"I don't wield any power and very little influence," he says right off. "You get to realize that there are no really powerful people. Nobody can act independently, especially in government."

It was Goldfarb who brought to Toronto

readers an "in-depth survey" on Quebec's mood, carried in The Star. (He's planning an even larger, nationwide study on the same theme, for another client, to be released in the fall.) And it was he who gathered the data predicting an upsurge of interest in Stuart Smith, with a Conservative minority government in Ontario.

Harbord Collegiate and University of Toronto educated, he says there's no mystique to the art of pollstering. While the Gallup and Harris polls are often viewed as gospel, he insists that polls do not have the power to sway opinion, but serve as a useful information tool for the voting public.

With somewhat of an aloofness toward the press, he observes: "Political polls help to keep reporters honest. There's a definite role for polls. It's freedom. It's a piece of information, independent of a third-party evaluation. A writer writes his own perception. The poll reflects how the population is thinking."

In the case of Dr. Smith, Goldfarb, a friend of the Liberal leader, claims reporters downplayed him as a nimble-brained idiot, even though statistical information doubted that assessment.

The media also fell behind public sentiment with regard to Conservative leader Joe Clark, says the pollster, by desperately trying to give the neophyte leader a good chance out of the starting gate, "when the public mistrusted him." To an extent the press is trying to catch up with the public mood and now it's overkill, he adds.

But pollsters, he concedes, are not value-free. "Behavioral science is still a philosophy, not a mathematics. It's dependent on



Sociologist Martin Goldfarb

value judgments, which has an influence on the data you collect." A separatist may have produced different findings on Quebec than he did, although certain "facts" can never be overlooked, says the consultant.

Holding an MA from U of T in sociology, Goldfarb doesn't resent leaving the academic world for more rewarding pursuits.

For him the marketplace offers an excitement unparalleled in the halls of academia. "The weakness of universities is that they're not up to date. Today the source of some technology (statistical tests, for example) has been evolved in the private sector."

He doesn't worry about being branded "pop sociologist". And he holds a high opinion of the public he reads: "The public has a collective consensus... Society is more powerful than the media. I've got to give it credit. It (society) can't be manipulated; it can't be conned."

A casual member of the Canada Israel Committee, Goldfarb says he has tried unsuccessfully to interest the community in a general poll on societal perceptions to Jews and Israel. "It allows you to deal with certain myths," he explains, "before they become crises — in a planned way, as opposed to an emotional reaction."

The community, he insists, has to apply modern techniques to understand public behavior and how to respond to it. So far the CIC has turned down his offer, for lack of funds. "The amount of money isn't important," he says, when asked the cost. "If the community leaders felt it was important they would fund it."

Goldfarb spends his out-of-office hours with his family — five children ranging in age from 1½ to 12. They ski, swim and sail together. The relaxed comfort shows in fine art, sculpture and tropical plants decorating his working quarters.

"I've had a good time," he says, relishing his variety of work assignments and family. "Life's been good to me."



(Mike Goldberg photo)

A young Israeli soldier stands guard atop Herod's Gate overlooking Old Jerusalem.

Letters to the Editor

Likud's inflexibility an obstacle to peace: FPI

Dear Editor:

While applauding the operation of the democratic process in Israel, Friends of Pioneering Israel views the formation of the new Likud-dominated coalition government with a deep sense of concern. The recent actions and statements of the new premier have not served to lessen the concern.

As Zionists, we believe unconditionally in the centuries-old dream of the Jewish people to fulfill itself in its homeland. However, we cannot accept certain of the stated policies of Menachem Begin — policies which would lead to the weakening of the Histadrut, the reduction of government support to the kibbutz movement, the denial of the rights of secular, Conservative and Reform Jews, the attempts to legitimize the presently illegal settlements

on the West Bank and, in general, the assumption of an inflexible position vis-à-vis the Arab countries.

We base our position on two essential principles: First, that the right of any nation to self-determination cannot be founded upon the denial of that same right to any other people; and, second, that such institutions as the Histadrut and the kibbutz movement are the backbone of the Israeli economy and represent those values which are crucial to the continued growth of democracy in Israel.

Accordingly, we call upon both parties to the Middle East conflict, Arab as well as Jew, not to slam the door uncompromisingly in the face of peace, but to keep the paths to peace open. At the same time, while we shall not falter in our support for the state of

Israel, we urge all fair-minded members of the Canadian Jewish community to oppose any policies of the new government which would place additional obstacles in the road to peace, which would undermine the pioneering spirit and forces in Israel, or which would deny to any citizen of Israel full civil rights and religious freedom.

Norman Auslander, president,
Friends of Pioneering Israel,
Toronto

Dear Editor:

We were in Israel during the May 17 elections and returned approximately a week later to discover, with dismay, the negative publicity being generated in the U.S. and Canada concerning Israel and Menachem Begin. We felt compelled to

write this letter to convey to the Jewish community the opinions of a few Israelis, with whom we discussed this very situation: taxi drivers, waiters, hotel staff, kibbutzniks, moshavniks, businessmen and young people presently serving in the armed forces.

Without exception, and regardless of their personal political affiliations, they consider Begin to be one of the most respected and honest politicians in Israel, and they want him now as leader because he has said he would take a strong stand in negotiations with the Arab countries.

They wanted the Labor government defeated because of political corruption, and because they have given so many concessions, and received nothing in return. Israel is still the same threatened state that she has been since 1948, only today she is threatened, not just by the Arab military, but by the Arab oil.

When we asked about the Palestinian refugee problem, they quickly pointed out that it is a problem in the Arab countries, but not in Israel.

We saw with our own eyes what they were referring to when we visited the Gaza strip. The Arab "refugees" living in Gaza and the West Bank travel freely throughout Israel and work at the same wage level as the Israelis, which is far above what they could get in any of the Arab countries.

The tremendous amount of building in Gaza, both residential and industrial, is astonishing, and without political fear of Arab retaliation, they would have to admit freely that they are far better off under Israeli administration than they ever were, or could be, under Arab rule.

Many of them for the first time own their own small businesses or the land which they are cultivating, where at one time they worked almost in serfdom to a handful of land owners who owned and controlled the entire area.

We visited the Lebanese border and the Good Fence at Doviv, which is one of three border points. We crossed through the Good Fence to the Lebanese side where a medical clinic is operating with a Lebanese nurse working with an Israeli doctor. There were approximately two dozen Lebanese, including children, primarily Christian, who were waiting in turn for medical aid.

In closing, we want to point out that besides our money and time, the lip-service we can give is very important public relations they count on, because they have very few friends. Speak up for them, for they literally give their blood, sweat and tears.

Barbara & Abby Goldblatt,
Hamilton

Scharansky

Dear Editor:

We have noted, with interest, the article about Anatoly Scharansky that appeared on Page 1 of your June 10 edition. However, we feel it necessary to point out certain facts:

A) To date, Mr. Scharansky has not been officially charged with treason under Article 64 of the RSFSR Criminal Code, but he is being detained pending investigation of his case. Mr. Scharansky's mother was informed that he would likely be charged accordingly.

B) Anatoly Scharansky is not a Soviet dissident. He is a Russian Jewish Activist/Refusenik. Anatoly served on Yuri Orlov's Helsinki monitoring group as a Jew reporting on violations of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe by the Soviet Union with regards to the Jewish Refuseniks who have

applied for exit visas.

C) The article mentions that no Soviet citizen has ever been permitted foreign counsel. We would like to point out that while this is, in fact, true, in the past attorneys from the United States and Great Britain have been permitted entry to the U.S.S.R. and visitation rights with prisoners. The most noteworthy case in point being that of Victor Plosky in October, 1974.

President Jimmy Carter has adamantly denied publicly that Anatoly Scharansky has ever committed espionage for the United States against the Soviet Union.

In view of the fact that Mr. Scharansky's only crime was requesting permission to be re-united with his wife in their homeland, Israel, we are hopeful that Soviet authorities will not press these false charges against Anatoly thereby preventing yet another show trial. We shall continue to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Miriam Garvin,
Montreal Women's Campaign
For Soviet Jewry, Group of 35

Breira

Dear Editor:

In its editorial of June 24, The CJN staunchly defends the right of Breira to express its "moral perception of Israel's diplomacy". It concludes that Breira's position on Israel is not inimical to the Jewish state and that Breira is not working against Israel's vital interests.

The line of reasoning adopted by The CJN is quite interesting. It attacks excesses of criticism with excesses of its own. It self-righteously lectures on the virtues of free speech and reasoned debate while indiscriminately charging Breira's critics with hysterical over-reaction, polemicism, vilification, witch-hunting, McCarthyism, totalitarianism, etc. At no time does The CJN present or deal with the facts.

Why does The CJN not publish and refute, if possible, the damning facts presented by Mrs. Isaac in her factually documented booklet or by Joseph Shattari in the April and June issues of Commentary?

Does not a reasoned debate require publication and discussion of the fact that many of Breira's founders came to it from organizations with a history of hostility to Israel (much as The CJN deems it noteworthy that Mrs. Isaac is a supporter of Gush Emunim); that prior to the formation of Breira, four of its leading spokesmen publicly opposed emergency military aid to Israel during the height of the Yom Kippur War; that none of these founders or spokesmen have repudiated in any way their former views; that by its own admission Breira is composed of non-Zionists, pro-Zionists and anti-Zionists; that Breira has publicly accepted the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people and has supported Arafat's appearance at the UN; that Breira has issued many press releases denouncing Israeli foreign policy; that Breira has in testimony before the U.S. Congress called on Israel to negotiate unconditionally with the PLO "on all future relationships between their two states"?

What of the fact that Breira has held seminars for members of Congress to re-educate them on the Palestinian question; that a columnist for Breira's monthly review has called on the U.S. government to coerce Israel into establishing a West Bank Palestinian state; that Breira in its publications has consistently criticized Israel for its intransigence while attributing to the Arabs and the PLO an abiding desire

for peace; or that such prominent supporters of the Breira platform as Rabbi Joachim Prinz, Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, Nathan Glazer, Trude Weiss-Rosmarin and Jacob Neusner have left the organization due to the tactics used to implement that platform. The documentation is extensive and the facts go beyond what has been set out above.

While the validity of the platform adopted by Breira can be the subject of legitimate debate within the Jewish community, the evidence is strong that in implementing that platform, Breira and its leading spokesmen have acted in a manner detrimental to the vital interests of Israel.

The CJN itself has stated that "Jews have no right to instruct Israel on how to carry out its policies". By making both formal and informal representation to the American government and people requesting them to act contrary to Israel's self-perceived needs, Breira has attempted not only to instruct Israel but to force her to bend to Breira's view.

The organization has not expressed a breira; it has actively sought to impose on Israel its particular brand of ein breira.

By failing to deal with the facts, The CJN has done a disservice to the Jewish community that subsidizes its publication. In the interests of consistency, I now anxiously await a staunch defence of Gush Emunim and Rabbi Meir Kahane, whose positions on Israel have been much maligned in your publication in the recent past.

P. Alter,
Toronto

CPPME trip

Dear Editor:

In a recent issue of The Canadian Jewish News, you have published an interview with Prof. Yolande Cohen. Yolande Cohen had just returned from Israel after having participated in a fact finding mission headed by myself on behalf of the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East (CPPME).

Prof. Cohen is certainly entitled to express her views on the Middle East question. But she is not a member of CPPME and you, as an editor, should not have given your readers the impression that the views expressed by Yolande Cohen coincided with those of CPPME. I object strongly to that procedure.

I also would like to point out that the views expressed by Yolande Cohen do not even represent a consensus of opinion among those who participated in the trip to Israel.

Jean Ouellette,
Montreal

Categories

Dear Editor:

Your correspondent Beatrice Magder who writes about Georgian Jews suffers from the simplistic practice of dividing all Jews into two categories: Ashkenazim and Sephardim. She refers, erroneously in my view, to the indigenous Georgian Jews as "Sephardim" — which they are not.

They were settled there in the Caucasus centuries before the Spanish Inquisition and Georgia was definitely not an area where Jews fled after Queen Isabella's decree. The non-Ashkenazic Jews of Georgia are simply called "Georgian Jews".

Gershon Albert,
Toronto

Clothing store magnate Nathan Scott saves energy for communal work

Story and Drawing by LOUISE LIGSON

Question: Nathan Scott, Eddie Cantor and Tevye — what have they in common? Answer: A family of daughters.

If you ask Scott what moved him to become one of the most active participants in Montreal's Jewish organizations, he readily replies with a wide, delighted smile — "My four daughters."

Though they are attractive and vivacious daughters, Scott suddenly turned into a concerned father about 10 years ago and, like Sholom Aleichem's Tevye, began looking for sons-in-law.

Vice-President of Scott-LaSalle Ltd., one of Canada's largest manufacturers and retailers of men's clothing, Scott was heavily involved in the family business until one day he discovered the whole spectrum of community organizations.

"I got into them all," he says. "One thing leads to another, you know. The same people seem to be doing the work in most of them. But really, I got into communal work to meet more and more young fellows. I was looking for husbands."

Occasionally on some of his 13 trips to Israel he would even buttonhole people like Golda Meir and Ben-Gurion to discuss his problem.

He likes to tell of the time he cornered Ben-Gurion and BG saying to him, "You came to the wrong man, Nathan. Go see Moshe Dayan. He's got a whole army of nice, young Jewish boys for you."

Anyway, Scott is much relaxed these days — three daughters are happily married and the last is on the way.

His chief organizational interest in recent years has been the Jewish National Fund, of which he is now the national president. "JNF really stirred me," he says. "When I visited Israel and saw the rows and rows of trees we had planted there it really did something to me. I visualized millions of green trees in Canada-sponsored parks that will live forever."

Scott was born in a small town near Quebec City in 1917, the youngest in a family of five sons and three daughters.

"My parents had a small clothing store and we grew up living upstairs of the business," he recalls. "We came to Montreal so we could all get a Jewish education."

When his parents opened a small factory

in Montreal all the sons became involved and young Nathan left high school to move into the business world. At 21 he was in Halifax managing a factory with 100 employees, which was acquired by the family, and by 1940 he was in army uniform.

At war's end he found he liked the uniform so much that he convinced the family to open a service uniform division. "I was looking for my own niche in the company," he admits, "and pretty soon we became one of the biggest in Canada with a \$5 million-a-year uniform operation."

Today, Scott-LaSalle Ltd. is a \$60 million manufacturer and retailer of men's clothes, with a string of some 100 stores.

Scott remembers the Depression before the war when they set up a series of 50 stores to sell suits at \$12.50 apiece.

"We made the suits and sold them to ourselves," he says. "We didn't make much money, of course, but we did a hell of a lot of business. When war broke out we couldn't get enough material so we sold the stores to the managers."

Scott married Betty Greenberg in 1945 (while still in uniform) and they produced four daughters — Robin, Susan, Judy and Barbara. At 59, he is trim and perpetually in motion. Every morning he is up at 7:30 and keeps moving all day.

"I walked every morning of my life — usually to the synagogue. But now I simply take long walks and on weekends I jog two miles," he says.

And dancing! The Scotts will go anywhere to trip the light fantastic, swing, truck or disco dance.

"Betty and I simply love to dance," he enthuses. "We took every lesson anyone ever gave. We may be slowing down but it still is a fantastic relaxation."

Now as national head of JNF, Scott is planning to travel across Canada in a personal mission to visit all of the JNF branches in the country. An enthusiastic visionary, filled with an almost messianic desire to include everybody within the realm of his own plans and spirit, Scott manages to draw similar enthusiasms from those he meets and works with. Despite the pressures of business, organizational meetings, social events, the jogging and the dancing and the constant demands on his spare time, Scott will be heavily involved in Montreal activity.

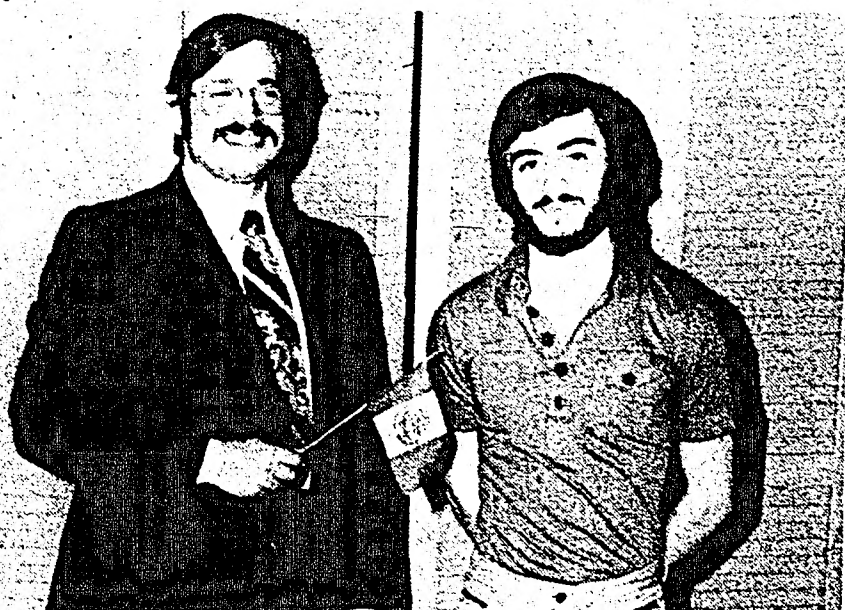
"It's a fact," he says, "that the ones who are dedicated are the ones who always seem to have the time for everything."



Organizations and People

what's new...

BY MIRIAM HERMAN



Rabbi Mitchell Serels (left) and Vidal Klessey

OUT-REACH PROGRAM

Former Torontonian Rabbi Mitchell Serels, now associate director of Sephardic Studies program at Yeshiva University, and Vidal Klessey of Toronto, a sophomore at Yeshiva College, are presently in Oaxtepec, Mexico, to participate in an out-reach program for Latin American Jewish youths. Along with other young scholars from the university, they are conducting a series of educational and cultural seminars, in Spanish, aimed at strengthening Jewish identity. This program is part of a major summer out-reach effort sponsored by the university's youth bureau, which involves 200 youth leaders and faculty travelling to four continents — Australia, South Africa, Latin America and Canada and the U.S. — reaching 10,000 Jewish youngsters.

TOUR OF U T

For something interesting to do, don't forget the free, guided walking tours of the University of Toronto's St. George campus, running weekdays through to Sept. 2. The hour-long tours start at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. with a videotape presentation in the map room at Hart House. Student guides are available for special tours for groups with their own vehicles (such as vans or buses), but arrangements must be made in advance by calling 978-5000.

CAMP NAIVELT

A list of upcoming programs at Camp Naivelt includes the film, *Action! The October Crisis of 1970*, on Wednesday, the 13th; an open forum entitled *Perspectives on Quebec* with Quebec National Assembly parliamentary assistants Denise Leblanc and Denis Perron on Friday, the 15th, and a chamber and solo music concert featuring Barbara Ackerman, Elizabeth Acker and Jennifer John on Saturday, the 16th. All programs are at 8:30 p.m. The camp, sponsored by the United Jewish Peoples Order, is situated in Eldorado Park, Brampton.

FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

About 400 multi-handicapped children of pre-school age living in North York are being given the chance to take part in a special summer program. A month-long outdoor program of arts and crafts, creative play, music and trips begins Aug. 2, under the sponsorship of the North York Interagency Council and the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation. It takes place at Faywood Public School in Downsview. Children between

the ages of two and four will attend from 9-11:30 a.m. while the four-to-six-year-olds will attend from 1-3:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided. For information, call Clara Will or Lorna Leeson at 630-4764 or 630-4767.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

This Sunday, the 10th, members of the Wagnan Centre at Baycrest invite you to a concert in the park with the Governor-General Horse Guard Band conducted by Melvin S. Isen. It takes place from 3-5 p.m. on the grounds of the centre at 55 Amer Ave. In case of rain the concert will be held in the assembly room.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute is opening new courses in conversational Hebrew for adults and teenagers during August and September. All interested may call "87-019".

USG HAPPENINGS

The University Students and Graduates of the Labor Zionist Alliance have a busy week ahead. On Sunday, the 10th, they are having a mix and mingle summer-fun dance with music by Mickey Kay. The time is 8:30 at 14 Viewmount Ave. Then on Tuesday, the 12th, they are presenting a public forum on unemployment entitled *Panel Discussion Job Search* led by Sandra Curtis of Canada Manpower Services. That's at 8 p.m. at 12 Viewmount.

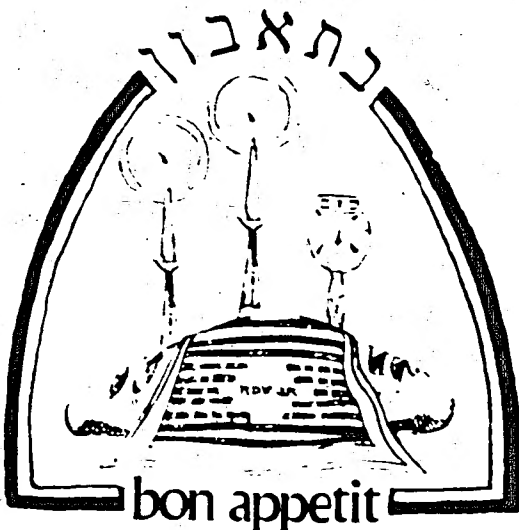
FOR SINGLES

For the thinking crowd, The Doers (ages 25-35) are starting off their seminar series this Sunday, the 10th, with the topic *Jewish Universalism Versus Assimilation*, headed by group leader Ken Mason. It takes place at 8 p.m. at Hill House, St. George Street. There's a new chapter of Parents Without Partners starting in Willowdale. It meets every Wednesday evening at 8 at 1081 Finch Ave. East (church on the corner of Finch and Ravel Road). For information, call 223-2520 days and evenings, or 755-6549 evenings.

BEBY BROTHERHOOD

For their closing ceremony, the board of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood came up with an interesting program. They invited synagogue and sisterhood board members to join them for dinner which was followed by a panel discussion by five rabbinical students from the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York. Rabbi Joseph Kelman was moderator.

Jerusalem landmark cafe serves tasty dairy menu



By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM

Zoltan and Shoshana Schwartz and their young son arrived in Israel from Romania in 1960. The new immigrants, like so many in their position, were chronically hard up, but were determined to make the best of their situation.

Zoltan went to work in a foundry, and Shoshana worked initially in domestic service, then switched to a job at the poultry counter of a supermarket.

Lacking alternatives, they moved into an old, deserted building in the Abu Tor district of Jerusalem — under the very noses of the Jordanian soldiers in their employment a few yards away.

"People said we were crazy," recalls the plump, grey-haired, motherly Shoshana, "but we couldn't afford anything else at the time."

The craziness paid off. Today, a graceful, terraced building has risen where the Schwartz's time-worn stone house once stood. On the top floor, under a roof garden, is a cafeteria, whose arched windows look out on the dazzling clarity of the city's contours: from the modern developments of West Jerusalem, and the magnificence of Mount Zion and the gleaming mosques on the Temple Mount, to the softer curves of the villages spilling down the hillsides into the Hinnom Valley.

But this venture, in which today Shoshana and Zoltan are partners, had small beginnings. Before the 1967 war, the Abu Tor observation point was one of the few places which afforded a panoramic view over the Old City — as unreachable in those days as the other side of the moon.

The Schwartzes hit on the idea of selling postcards and bottled soft drinks to the Jerusalemites and visitors who flocked to the Abu Tor with their opera glasses to gaze yearningly at the view and pick out landmarks in the Old City.

"But when we tried to set up a little kiosk in our back yard, the United Nations arrived, thinking that the Israelis were

building a new emplacement," laughs Shoshana. "Our soldiers were actually further down the hill, and I always used to feed them — they were like children to me." The kiosk prospered, and eventually Zoltan and Shoshana opened a small cafe as well.

When the Six Day War broke out — 10 years to the day when I visited the Schwartzes — their house came under heavy bombardment, and they were forced to leave for another part of the city.

They left the kiosk open so that "their boys" could come in and help themselves, and they returned a few days later to find their house badly battered, and in it, a note from the soldiers who had meanwhile set out for the conquest of the Old City. "Dear Mother Shoshana," it read. "We hope you find everything in order. We only have IL30 between us to pay for the food, and we hope this is all right."

The aftermath of the war, and the opening of the city, left the Schwartz's kiosk and cafe languishing. No longer did

Shoshana Schwartz's Goulash Soup
1 1/2 lbs. beef chuck, cut into cubes
2 onions, chopped coarsely
1 large green pepper, diced
1 lb. potatoes, cubed
2 tomatoes, sliced into wedges
1 tsp. hot paprika
salt and black pepper
1/2 lb. smoked salami wurst, sliced (optional)
water

1. using a 2 qt. pot, braise the onions and green pepper in a little oil until onions are translucent. Add the meat, and fry gently, stirring often, until meat browns. Then add salt and pepper, paprika and the tomatoes.
2. cover with hot water and simmer until meat is soft (this can be done in a pressure cooker). Then add the potatoes and sliced salami, if wished, and cook for a further 20 mins. or till potatoes are soft. Serves 6.

Shabbat Shalom!

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people bring their children, or come in coachloads to strain their eyes and stand on tiptoe to see the Old City — they could go and look at the reality for themselves.

Then an investor, now the Schwartz's partner, arrived with a proposal to turn the Schwartz residence — which had by now soared in value — into the establishment it is today.

Mitzpe Abu Tor now no longer provides goulash soup, as the restaurant serves dairy foods only: a tasty range of baked fish and stuffed vegetable dishes, salads, and cream desserts. But Shoshana's own recipe for goulash soup still kindles warm memories of the friendly little kiosk on the edge of no-man's land.

Volunteer work keeps you going

TORONTO

One of the sure formulas for keeping young, and his venerable "uncle Eliezer," is involvement in volunteer work.

This was the gist of an address delivered by "J.B." to more than 300 Meals on Wheels drivers and other volunteers connected with Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly at the 10th annual volunteer recognition luncheon. CSJE is an affiliate agency of Toronto Jewish Congress.

Following an introduction by CSJE president Pearl Langer, Salsberg referred to Mrs. Langer as one of the people most responsible for bringing the message to government agencies and the community that the elderly be allowed to contribute their expertise and energies to the many areas

in which society can make the best use of them.

"A generation ago," Salsberg told the gathering at Adath Israel Synagogue, "half the people here would have been recipients instead of givers of services."

"Those involved with the aged are the wisest of volunteers," he said. "This is the thing of the future. Children grow up quickly and the juvenile sector can be very tough. But almost everyone grows old and there will be more and more of us."

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While in Sydney, Australia, attending the International Congress of Oral Surgery, Toronto dentist **Paul Chapnick** (seen at right in the above photo) had a chance to meet the city's first Jewish mayor, Lord Mayor **Leo Port**, arrayed in full official regalia. Sydney has a population of three million, of which 45,000 are Jews. Dr. Chapnick represented the Canadian Society of Oral Surgeons at the convention. He is also an international officer of the Jewish dental fraternity, Alpha Omega.

Eather Gold has been appointed vice-principal in charge of Hebrew studies of the United Synagogue Day School. A graduate of York University majoring in psychology, and of the Toronto Jewish Teachers' Seminary as well, she has been much involved in Jewish education, both in the congregational school and day school setting. In her new position, according to the announcement by USDS president **Dr. Lou Myers**, "her prime responsibilities will be to super-

vises the Hebrew studies portion of the program, work in integration programs and guide the teachers in new materials and methods."

Among the Hebrew Union College students cited for their accomplishments at the graduation ceremonies last month in Cincinnati were two Canadians — **Mark Shapiro** of Toronto, who received the Simon Lazarus Memorial Prize for students of the graduating class with highest academic standing, and **Abraham Ingber** of Montreal, who was awarded the Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn Prize, which goes to the student who successfully implemented the most effective congregational project in social action or education. Both young men were ordained as rabbis the following day.

Another young Torontonian to join the ranks of the rabbinate is **Michael Leider**, 27, who was recently ordained at the Central Lubavitch Yeshiva in Brooklyn, N.Y. The son of Philip and Ruth Leider, he attended York University here, then went on to Yeshiva University in New York, where he graduated with a BA degree, and followed with a year at Torah Or Yeshiva in Jerusalem before enrolling at the Brooklyn school. Rabbi Leider has been named principal of the Talmud Torah in Los Angeles, California.

Toronto business executive **Dorothy Sholchet** is off to London, England, this week for the central board meeting of the World ORT Union. As president of Women's Canadian ORT, she heads up a delegation which includes immediate past president **Ruth Druxman** and first vice-president **Agnes Hechter**, who, incidentally, is a graduate of an ORT hairdressing school.

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Pinchas/The Three Weeks
Tachas asher keenay l'olokav...Because he was jealous for his God...

It takes more than a piece of paper to become a real rabbi — you need Jewish love pumping through your veins....

When Rabbi Yaakov David of Slutsk was on his death bed, his wife and children drew near and asked him to remind the congregation that after his death they should still receive a monthly stipend.

The rabbi nodded sadly. "I know, I know, you're right. But when Moses was about to die and he stood before God, his last request was not for his family, but for *klal Yisrael*, the nation of Israel...." (Fun Unser Alter Oitser)

It's so hard to be a rabbi, so hard. You have to be a father, a teacher, a lover — and sometimes a karate expert.

Imagine...when Moses was about to die, he stood before God and pleaded: "Let the Lord, God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation!"

Between you and me, what did Moses think? Would God leave the Jews without a leader? Doesn't the Ribono shel Olam know His business? Does the Almighty play politics about naming a new government?

But Moses had a right to be nervous. Why? A few days before, when Pinchas the grandson of Aaron saw a Jewish prince playing around with a Gentile princess, he didn't ask any shalom. He took a heavy spear, and made bagels out of both of them. In reward, the Almighty conferred great honor on Pinchas, plus an eternal covenant.

Moses shook his head and pleaded. "Please, whatever You do, don't pick a Pinchas to lead the Jews. A Jewish leader has to be more patient than a Pinchas. Yes, he has to be able to talk Torah with scholars, but he also has to understand ignorant sinners as well. Choose an *ish al ha'alah*, a man over the congregation. Not an angel, a fire-hot zealot, but a man among men who can understand every different personality...." (Kotzker Rebbe)

Every rabbi is a little Moses.... Perhaps we rabbis should give over some of our technical duties to learned laymen, and like Moses and Aaron in their time search out for *achalun bnei Yisrael*, thousands of brother and sister Jews who live in apartment houses up and down Bathurst Street who never walk into a shul, because no one really invites them....

After all, shul can be fun. A policeman found one little old Jew, who had had too much for kiddush, standing on a corner. "Why are you standing here? Why don't you go home?" he demanded.

The Jew winked. "The whole city is turning around me. I'm just waiting for my house to pass by so I can go in."

But a rabbi has to be like iron, too.

It's strange....Our rabbis taught: "Before the Messiah comes, the face (leaders) of the generation will be like the face of a dog." What an insult! Face of a dog — what are they talking about, dog food commercials? Our leaders? Faces of dogs? A chutzpah!

But sometimes you see a dog running a block in front of his master, and you think — the dog is leading the way. But every few minutes, the dog turns his head to see if the master is happy with the way he's "leading". If he senses that the master wants to turn, he jumps the other way to "lead" the turn.

Sometimes leaders seem to lead, but they really are following. They turn around to see what's in style, what's popular, and they set their "leadership". But an *ibridgegeben* Jewish leader says what he has to say, does what he has to do, and lets the knaidlech fall where they may.... (Rabbi Israel Salanter)

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Rosh Hashanah — Tuesday, September 13th to Wednesday, September 14th
Yom Kippur — Thursday, September 22nd
Succot — Tuesday, September 27th
Note — All Holidays begin at sunset of previous day. Sabbath and holidays end 45 minutes after sunset.

Grad exercise draws big crowd

TORONTO —

An overflow crowd filled the main Bais Hamedrash study hall at graduation exercises of the Ner Israel Yeshiva College and the Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum High School.

The valedictory address was delivered by Yeshaya Reich. In addition the graduates were addressed by Rabbi N. Friedler, rosh hayeshiva; Rabbi Aaron Levine, menahel, and Aryeh Lebovic, chairman of the board of education.

Rabbi Israel Kestenbaum from London, Ontario, extended greetings on behalf of the Rabbinical Council of America, Ontario Region. Dr. Aaron Weissblatt was chairman for the evening and Marvin Sigler chaired the graduation committee.

The following students received Ontario scholarships: Avrohom Diamond,

David Lipton, Solomon Menses, Chaim Mimran, Yeshaya Reich, Eli Rubenstein, Moshe Rubin, Azriel Spiegel, David Weinstein, Steven Weiss and Shmuel Yungler.

Solomon Menses placed in the top 50 in the entire province of Ontario in the senior mathematics contest. Several students of the college placed in the junior math contest.

The following students were also awarded scholarships for their outstanding performance in the Hebrew and secular studies: Reuven Blum, Avrohom Diamond, David Lipton, Solomon Menses, Yeshaya Reich, Eli Rubenstein, Meyer Tenenbaum, Yeshaya Weiss and Shmuel Yungler.

Shimshon Kurtz was the recipient of the first Midos scholarship award.

Stagnant economy chief problem: JVS

TORONTO [Staff] —

A stagnant economy and sluggish labor market are the most serious obstacles facing the Jewish Vocational Service, according to year-end reports delivered at the agency's annual meeting last week.

"Funding groups upon whom we rely in the public and private sector are being forced to observe restraints in their allocation policies," said President Morrey Solway. "As a result, grants frequently do not measure up to our costs."

The agency, with expenditures amounting to \$780,000 last year, came through 1976 with a deficit of \$8,200. In 1975, JVS had an excess revenue of \$18,500.

The mortgage on the Tycos Drive facility will require refinancing as of March, 1978, noted Sol-

way. "Price inflation for such basic necessities as telephone, heating and office supplies makes it extremely difficult for us to control operational costs."

Yet, despite a higher unemployment rate and competitive labor market, the number of people who found jobs during the year, directly or indirectly, through JVS placement counselling, declined less than one percent, reported Vice-president David Rubin.

Immigrants constituted about 40% of registered applicants, with the number of Soviet Jews stabilized around the 350 mark. Confirmed job placements totalled 925, up from the previous year, although job orders received declined considerably.

JVS revenue increased at a lower rate than expenditures. Grants were obtained from provincial and federal governments —

Workmen's Compensation Board and the Department of Immigration and Manpower — Toronto's United Community Fund and Toronto Jewish Congress (\$89,225).

Reporting on the educational counselling centre, Sandra Brown, the committee's co-chairman, made note of social and economic conditions facing students and their families.

"The rising divorce rate, the increase in the number of mothers in the work force, the uncertainty of job opportunities for students pursuing higher education and changing economic conditions form a constellation of pressures," she observed.

Ten part-time counsellors at the centre saw 780 students in the seven day schools served. Another division, the career counselling centre, reviewed 600 new cases.

The Israel Aliyah Centre refers young people to this division, said Vice-

president Joseph Skolnik, to assess their readiness to cope with resettlement pressures.

A new slate of officers, identical to last year's, was approved by the 60 people in attendance.

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Bobby Levy (centre), is installed Hadassah president of Toronto by Roz Mendelson, past president. Applauding is Clara Balinsky, national president of group.

Volunteerism is way of life for Hadassah's Bobby Levy

TORONTO [Staff] —

For Bobby Levy, newly-appointed president of the 3,700 Toronto Hadassah-WIZO women, volunteerism is a way of life. And she's convinced that good neighborly art is not about to die out.

A mother of four and a Hadassah member of 27 years, Mrs. Levy assumes the 10-year post with the goal of convincing women that part of self-fulfillment lies in responsibility and caring. The local membership figures have remained on a plateau for the past few years.

"At one time," she explains in an interview in her Bayview area home, "it was enough just to 'do it for Israel.' Now young women want to know the specifics. They want to be more aware of the situation. They want to know the why, where and how of the funds they're raising."

A past chairman of public affairs for the organization here, she has an interest in involving groups that in the past showed a reluctance to join Hadassah — Israeli women and South African immigrants.

"The Israelis feel shy," she says over coffee. "They've been branded yordim, considered a stigma. They run into criticism and they don't want to stick their necks out."

The Israeli consulate, notes Mrs. Levy, has not been reluctant to steer Israeli women toward Hadassah. "I don't think it would be ethical if they

gave us a list."

While South African Jews have been heavily involved in WIZO affairs at home, the change in lifestyle is so drastic many have problems adjusting, she says. Consequently they have not sought membership here, although the organization has held a reception to break the ice.

She notes with dismay that it takes a "surge of anti-Zionism to create chapters. Membership depends on the state of Zionism. When interest in Israel is at a peak, membership is at a peak."

The organization has changed notably over the years since she first joined Israeli Chapter. In addition to a stronger educational and public affairs slant, Hadassah is not as demanding of its members' time.

They don't discourage part-time membership or observer status. Balfour Chapter operates in the summer months only, for example, for cottagers in the Balfour Beach area. Husbands have routinely joined their wives in the younger chapters and many men are life associates of the organization.

Three new chapters were formed in the past two years and Mrs. Levy envisions two more in her span of leadership, "which speaks well for the consciousness of young Jewish women." The old luncheon-fashion show format has given way to lectures, study groups and seminars, although fund-

raising is still the raison d'être.

Pointing to the involvement of young working women, she says the phenomenon of the professional-volunteer is not a new one. The well-established Negev Chapter was founded by professional women interested in volunteer work years ago.

Montreal-born Mrs. Levy rose through the local ranks of the organization, serving on the youth aliyah committee, as vice-president and chairman of a large fund-raising endeavor, "The Wildest Auction in Town."

Married to businessman Edward Levy of Levy Industries, she has four sons ranging in age from 14 to 25. Hadassah, at one point, did not consume all of her energies; she volunteered for UJA, the United Appeal and the Canadian Opera Women's Committee. Spare time is spent gardening, playing tennis and travelling.

She's been to Israel several times. (The Toronto chapters built and support the Rose Dunkelman Creche and a youth aliyah dormitory at Magdiel.)

She has no opposition to Zionist leaders in the Diaspora visiting Arab countries. "I don't believe in narrow-minded Zionism. The only way you can be effective is to have a broad interest in all facets of the Mideast — those people who are for you, and those people who oppose you."

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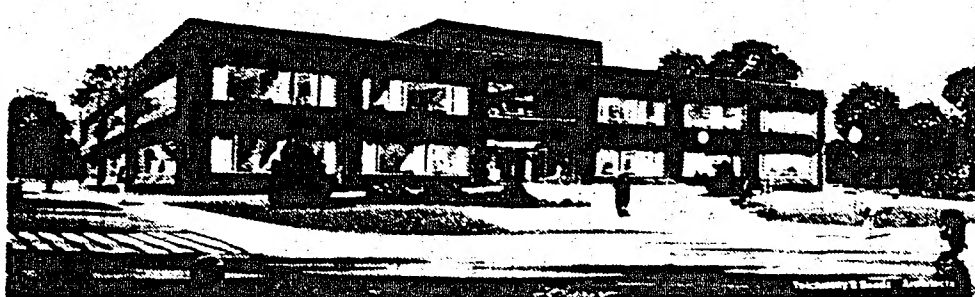
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AROUND THE TOWN
By JANICE ARNOLD

This represents architect's perspective of the new Cummings Golden Age Centre.

GOLDEN AGE CENTRE

Sod turning ceremonies for the new Cummings Golden Age Centre to be built behind the AJCS Cummings House will take place in August but no date has been set yet. Architects Hy Tolchinsky and Murray Goodz have released a perspective of the finished building.

TOP NCSY CHAPTER

The NCSY chapter at Congregation Beth Ora in St. Laurent was named chapter of the year at the recent national NCSY convention at the Pine View Hotel in the Catskills. Three hundred young people from Canada, the U.S. and Israel attended.

HALF PRICE

The Canadian Friends of Shaare Zedek Hospital are offering the complete 18-volume Encyclopedia Judaica for \$240 — half the usual price. Inquiries should be directed to Albert Hazan at 737-1716.

RAVITCH MEMORIAL

A memorial evening marking the first anniversary of the death of Montreal poet Melech Ravitch will be held Sept. 11 at the Jewish Public Library. Co-sponsors are the National Committee on Yiddish of Canadian Jewish Congress and the library. The committee is also making arrangements for a public meeting on Oct. 11, when Itzhak Korn, chairman of the Committee on Yiddish Culture in Israel, will visit Montreal.



"The Generation Gap"

BRAZIL EXHIBIT

Montreal sculptress Alice Winant is planning a one-man exhibit in a gallery in Sao Paulo, Brazil, to appear in the next few months. Mrs. Winant drew world attention in the spring of 1976 when she removed her sculpture, *The Generation Gap*, from the Rodin Museum in Paris to the Hebrew University in protest to France's policy toward Israel.

HERZLIAH TEACHER

How many remember when the late John Richmond, the literary editor of the Montreal Star who died last month, was a teacher at the Snowdon Herzliyah High School? Richmond taught English and French for United Talmud Torahs for 10 years during the '60s.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

A joint committee representing AJCS and Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region, has been appointed to work on

the development of a community outreach program. Better communications within the community was named as one of four priorities in the 1977 AJCS budget. Representing AJCS is Monty Berger, Phyllis Waxman and Dr. Harvey Sigmund and for Congress, Flora Naglie, Dorothy Reiman, and Edward Wolkove.

HILLEL PRESIDENT

Longtime B'nai B'rith member Barney Grosser has been named president of the executive of Hillel succeeding Bill Klein. Grosser is past vice-president of Hillel, past president of BBYO and a member of the Maple Leaf Lodge. Vice presidents named are Richard Vineberg and Jack Leinwand.

TISHA B'AV

A memorial service to the six million Jewish martyrs will be held on Tisha B'Av, July 24, at the martyr's memorial monument at the Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery. The monument was erected by members of the Shaar who had lost relatives in the Holocaust. Service begins at 12:30 p.m.

WIDOWS FUND

The Widows and Orphans Fund of the Fallen Heroes of Israel, a project associated with the women of Lubavitch, is sponsoring a joint Bar Mitzvah in Israel of 100 orphans on Aug. 2. Anyone wishing to lend their support to the project should write to Gittel Rosenberg at 4725 Kent Avenue.

YOGA LECTURE

Yoga and its power to create greater awareness of the relationship of mind to body will be the topic of this Sunday's Shaar Hashomayim leisure institute lecture. Rose Rosen Stone will demonstrate various yoga techniques. Time is 1:30 p.m.

FOND FAREWELL

The community bid a fond farewell to Elaine and Harry Dubow, who went on aliyah last week. Mrs. Dubow has been long associated with the Montreal Group of 35. Her husband Harry, an orthopedic surgeon, has accepted a post at the Hebrew University.

SONIA BERGER

Sonia (Mindel) Berger, active with her husband, Monty, in the founding days of Congregation Beth-El, died recently in her home after a lengthy illness. Born in London, England, Mrs. Berger at one time operated a family business of 26 photographic studios before coming to Montreal following the war. A supporter of many hospital and community organizations, she is survived by her husband and three children, Ann Rebecca, Joy Diane, and Eric Jules and a brother, Maurice Mindel. She was pre-deceased by a sister Fay Rabin and brother, Monty Mindel.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

Israeli folk dancing at Beaver Lake, atop Mount Royal every Tuesday night, has begun again for another year. A new twist this summer is the teaching of an Israeli dance each week during the first half of the session. Sponsors are Hillel, the Canadian Zionist Federation, and the YM-YWHA.

1492 COMMEMORATION

An evening commemorating the expulsion of the Jews from Spain by Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand in August, 1492 is being planned for Aug. 31 by the Sephardic community and the Adath Israel congregation. It will be held in Adath Israel at 8 p.m.

Project Genesis opens
Victoria Avenue office

(Staff) —

This Sunday, Project Genesis will officially open its storefront on Victoria Avenue in the office which used to house the ADEG bookstore between De La Peltre and Linton streets. Traffic between these blocks will be detoured between 1 and 5 p.m. to make way for a giant sidewalk exhibit by such groups as the Golden Age Association, Jewish Family Services, the Black Central Administration Local Community Services Centres (LCSC), Cote des Neiges Tenants Association and Mount Sinai Hospital.

Politicians from the three levels of government have been invited.

Project Genesis is the McGill study group headed by Jim Torczyner, which began working with the Jewish poor over two

years ago. Allied Jewish Community Services agreed to fund the project this spring on a two-year basis.

A storefront in the Cote des Neiges district has always been one of the main goals of the project organizers, who have said many who needed help were not being reached by the existing social services.

From the storefront the project will continue to dispense the services it has been offering over the past year. One of the most important areas is advice on rental troubles — a prevalent problem in a district with a large number of low-income, elderly tenants.

The storefront workers will act as the go-between with community or government services and the people who need them but

don't know how to get help for themselves. The project will aim for close cooperation with other community service groups, particularly those participating in the opening ceremonies Sunday.

This summer the storefront will be staffed by coordinator Nancy Johnson and three students for July and August, with Torczyner acting as consultant. Another full-time professional will be added in the fall. The project also relies heavily on its team of 25 volunteers.

The storefront staff will strive to keep an informal, relaxed atmosphere. Although not a social club, it will serve as a casual drop-in centre for those in the neighborhood.

Storefront telephone numbers not yet listed in the directory are 738-2036 and 738-2635.

Liss' dedicate
Hebrew U hall

(Staff) —

The first lecture hall to be dedicated in the Hebrew University's new Faculty of Social Sciences on Mount Scopus was inaugurated recently in the presence of its donors, Jack and Rachel Liss, formerly of Montreal.

The hall was dedicated to the memory of the Liss' parents, Isaac and Anne Liss, and Angel and Minnie Applebaum. The Lisses now live in London, England and Florida.

The 100-square-metre hall seats 96 students. University president Avraham Harman said at the

inauguration that the rebuilt Mount Scopus campus will play a vital role not only for the Hebrew University but for Jerusalem as well.

A congratulatory cable from Allan Bronfman, president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, was read by Harman at the ceremony.

Liss, the author of a number of novels including *Isaac*, which traces the development of the Anglo-Jewish community, said the Mount Scopus campus symbolized to him "the revival of a nation after 19 centuries."

JFS reports 40 cases of child abuse

By JANICE ARNOLD

Over 40 cases of child abuse among Jewish families have been reported to the child abuse department of Jewish Family Services in its first year of operation.

Statistics indicate that child abuse among Montreal Jewish families is at least as high as the provincial average of two percent. It is, however, difficult to draw any conclusions from the 40 cases reported to JFS.

Just where one draws the line between normal punishment and child abuse is not easy, said Mrs. Waid. Some of the cases were not child abuse by any definition. In other cases the children were so badly beaten they had to be hospitalized.

New legislation on child abuse, which came into effect in December, 1974, set up the Youth Protection Bureau to handle charges of unusually harsh physical treatment of children under 18.

An agreement was reached with the Bureau in the spring of 1976 whereby any case involving a Jewish child would be referred to JFS.

JFS has since embarked on a publicity campaign in the schools and hospitals to make the community

aware that a problem does exist and any suspected cases of child abuse should be reported immediately.

No common denominator can be drawn from the 40 cases brought to JFS, except that, as in all instances of child abuse (there were 2,000 reported cases in Quebec last year), the parents have low tolerance levels and a difficulty in knowing when to stop disciplining a child.

Some parents have been referred to psychiatric help or marriage counselling. None of the parents have been brought to court nor have any of the children been placed in foster homes.

A JFS case is never really closed. Even when a solution seems to have

been found to the problem, JFS remains in regular contact with the family. So far there have been no "repeaters."

"When we first put a homemaker in the home the mother is usually terrified. She's afraid we'll take her child away or that the homemaker is a spy. In a short while we find we start getting good feedback from the parents," said Mrs. Waid.

Some mothers have literally no free time, and efforts are made to find outside interests for her. If the child is under school age, he is placed in a nursery school. Free babysitting can often be arranged.

Even if the mother is the

only parent guilty of abusing her child, understanding the father and children are always included.

It was found in one case that the child was just too difficult for even the most patient person to discipline. Psychiatric treatment has since been prescribed for this youngster.

More and more, Mrs. Waid has found that the parents themselves are coming for help when they feel their temper is rising and are on the verge of lashing out at their children.

"We can't change in three months or six months or even a year what has been a lifetime

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The Stashiver landsmanshaft is a Bonds pace-setter. Jack Israeli, past general campaign chairman (fourth from right), presents the 1977 United Jerusalem Award to veteran Stashiver member Harry Mann (third from left). From left: Joseph Bloom, Minka Smith of ladies auxiliary, Sadie Mann, Sholom Hershkopf, W. Jaskolka, vice-president, and Nathan Freedman, chairman.

Stashivers set pace for Bond division

TORONTO — The Toronto Israel Bond Campaign among the community's various landsmanschaften and organizations looks to members of the Stashiver Young Men's Society

and Ladies Auxiliary as the pace-setters for this division. Again this year, they have maintained their leadership by raising more than \$100,000 in Bond funds at a single

breakfast meeting. This took place on Sunday, June 26, at the Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Avenue West, and was the occasion of the presentation of the 1977 United Jerusalem

Award to veteran Stashiver Bond supporter, Harry Mann. An all-out effort is being undertaken through the coming weeks to enrol each and every Stashiver member as an Israel Bond pur-

chaser in 1977, and attain the target of 100% participation by these dedicated workers in Israel's cause. Jack Israeli, past general campaign chairman of Bonds, was special guest speaker.

Ezra Kadimah concert hit both heights, depths

music

By RICK KARDONNE

The heights and utter depths of performance quality (or sheer lack of it) were spanned in the 11th annual benefit concert for Toronto's Ezra and Kadimah Schools held last month at Adath Israel Synagogue.

The heights came in the form of New York-based comedian Sy Kleinman, who is a full-time law professor at Columbia University.

An example of Sy's "ecumenical" humor: A Catholic priest claims that he is more devout than a Jew because while the Jew says a prayer after a festive meal, the Catholic always says Grace before a meal. The Jew responds: "You have to. You're eating trefe."

Or, consider Sy's recollections of his early life in the congested East Bronx, where the cantor of his shul claims that he had his voice insured for \$500,000. He is then asked: "So what did you do with the money?"

It's the best Sholom Aleichem-type of sharp but compassionate humor; far preferable to me than the crudely self-deprecating jibes of Philip Roth or

the shlemiel shtick of Woody Allen.

A new type of Jewish-Israeli humor seems to be emerging, typified by Dry Bones in the Jerusalem Post and CJN. Although naturally different from Kleinman's essentially Galut-oriented Yiddish humor, it shares with him the vital common ground of Jewish pride.

Now for the depths of disgrace: The Berger Brothers. These four New York-area-based cantor brothers acutely embarrassed the worthy just cause of Ezra and Kadimah by putting on the most abominable act Toronto Jewry has had to suffer through this season (with the possible exception of last November's Shalom '76 fiasco).

Their execrable rendition of a ditty entitled *Sons of Burgundy*: their barbershop-quartet version of *Exodus* (complete with a bass part which went "dum-dum-dum"); the manner in which they creaked through, and mutilated, a Yossele Rosenblatt composition; their persistent tendency to sing off-key, and, most painful of all, their laughable and seemingly unheeded attempts to create vocal harmonies, made the truly proper environment for their act — not at all a vital benefit concert such as this — but rather *The Gong Show*.

Concluding the concert was Cantor Tibor Kelen, formerly of Toronto, now of Temple Beth-El, Cedarhurst, Long Island.

His bravura vibrato was much in evidence, in top form, just as it was when

he last performed in Toronto over two years ago. However, his sense of chazonas-neshamah and from-the-heart emotion, which he preserved so ably while residing in Toronto, was unfortunately eclipsed by his operative emphasis.

The subtle nuances of spontaneous pain, yearning and joy were missing this time. Cantor Eli Kirshblum and the Adath Israel Choir opened the program with three numbers — one liturgical and two Chassidic folk — aptly commemorating Yom Yerushalayim.

POP FASCISM IN TORONTO: A rock singer who calls himself Nazi Dog wails a tune entitled "Heinrich Himmler Was My Dad" and the kids on the dance floor respond with shouts of "Sieg Heil" and stiff-arm Nazi salutes.

Is this Buenos Aires, Berlin or New York's East Village? No; according to a recent issue of Maclean's magazine on "punk rock", this scene happened a few weeks ago right here on

Toronto's Yonge Street strip.

Just as the peace-love pop scene in the mid-'60s had a major pacifist role in ending the Vietnam war, is the emerging punk-rock scene of today going to bring about a major fascist revival among today's younger generation? This is a question to seriously ponder.

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Superficially, the two schoolmates have little in common. But a mutual hunger for companionship and security bring them together for a short-lived and intense relationship — before malignant forces beyond their control tear them asunder.

The strange pair, a source of puzzlement to their fellow schoolmates, discuss the perennial questions about religion and philosophy and explore each other's cherished collections of books and assorted art objects. Together they await the future with hope and confidence.

But Hans learns to his dismay that his friend's parents are enthusiastic partisans of Hitlerism. He is overcome with bitterness and a sense of despair as Konradin joins with them in the movement that will bring grandeur and pride once again to Germany.

Hans is sent to the United States, his parents are driven to suicide. Only 20 years later — in what

must be one of the most stunning two line surprises in literature — does he and the reader discover what happened to his erstwhile companion.

What makes *Reunion* memorable is its spare, poetic, emotionally controlled prose, its sense of impending catastrophe and the evocation of a beautiful part of Germany that includes the Black Forest and Lake Con-

stance. This is the land of "soft, serene bluish hills of Swabia, covered with vineyards and crowned with castles." Fred Uhlman, an anti-Nazi lawyer turned artist and poet, was forced to flee Germany in 1933. *Reunion* made little impact when it was first

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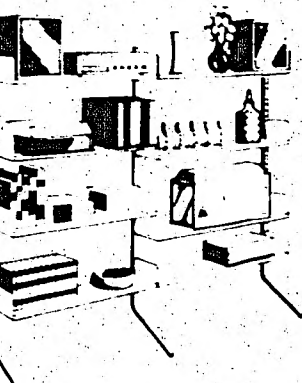
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